

## **LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – Kathy Jankowski**

Dear South Bethany Friends,

Once again we survived the autumn storms! There was a great deal of damage to the dunes, but thank goodness we had them! DNREC has begun rebuilding the dunes with the existing sand. George Junkin posted some great pictures on our website of the storm damage.

[www.sbpoa.web.officelive.com/November2009Storm.aspx](http://www.sbpoa.web.officelive.com/November2009Storm.aspx)

Thanks to many of our neighbors for providing the funding for our holiday lights! With the decrease in home sales and rentals, this item was cut from the Town's budget this year. I want to personally thank the following families: Rebecca & Gregory Brewer, Fred & Nikki Bucci, Sue & Robbie Callaway, Agnes & Lawrence Carr, JC & VA Cuddy, Robert Doherty, Vincent Durkin, Pamela Eckenrode, Marianne & Norman Enger, Steve Farrow, William & Susan Ferrara, Tom Fisher, Elizabeth Frazier, Barry & Tara Grim, Rose Mary and Gene Hendrix, Deek & Karen Hurst, Barbara & George Junkin, Ray & Deborah Kurz, Walt & Julia Laderer, Ralph Meima, Jim & Ann Moody, Diann & Ed Nazarian, Pat O'Brien, Lloyd & Nancy Oliver, Tom Reardon, Roger Rogowski, Chris Ross, FC & AJ Sarro, KH & CS Scruggs, Frank Spingler, Bobbe & Kent Stephan, Mary Suazo, Vincent Tana, and Rob Youngs.

The SBPOA has formed a beautification committee to work with the Town of South Bethany, to revive our flower beds and walkways so they will be a welcoming attraction in the spring to our residents and visitors. If you are interested in participating on this Committee, please contact me at [presidentsbpoa@officeliveusers.com](mailto:presidentsbpoa@officeliveusers.com) or 302-539-8570.

Our Neighborhood Watch walkers have had their hands full with reporting any damage from the storm and looking for anything out of the ordinary. To show our appreciation to them and our water quality testers, our annual Appreciation Luncheon was held on Wednesday, December 9, at the Bear Trap Bistro. Please see the website <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com> for pictures of this grand event!

Once again, I encourage you to visit our website. Something new is posted at least once a week!

As we move into the holiday season, I wish you and your families peace and love!

Kathy Jankowski, President [presidentsbpoa@officeliveusers.com](mailto:presidentsbpoa@officeliveusers.com)

## **40<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION – TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY**

Over 150 people attended the festivities as South Bethany celebrated the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its Incorporation as a Town with a ceremony at the Town Hall on Saturday, September 26, 2009. See picture on page 5. The program included a Proclamation by Mayor Gary Jayne, recognition of the former Mayors, burial of the Time Capsule, and Reflections from the past by John Speer.

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

Click on <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com/Documents/SouthBethany40thAnniversary.Final.pdf> to view the festivities. It is a large file and takes a while to download. Be patient!

### **THREE NOR'EASTERS HIT SOUTH BETHANY**

The first was in September. The last newsletter showed the damage to the dune at the very south end of town. That nor'easter had one high tide that was about four feet above normal. In mid October a second nor'easter hit that had about seven high tides that were about two to three feet above normal. This nor'easter did significant damage to both the north end of town and the south end. However the dunes held. Then in mid November the third nor'easter hit. It had about 7 high tides that were three to four and one half feet above normal. This, added to the previous damage, caused the dune to be breached at the south end, the handicap walkway to be destroyed all the way past the top of the dune and all beach access paths to be destroyed past the top of the dune. The ocean tides for the October nor'easter and the November nor'easter are shown on page 5. See pictures on page 4 for dune damage. During the October and November Nor'easter there was significant flooding on the bayside. See page 5 for tide levels in our canals.

### **YOUR DUES AT WORK FOR YOU**

At the August meeting the SBPOA membership approved the expenditure of \$2,500 for the purchase of a Landeez Beach Wheelchair (see page 5) for handicapped people to use to get around on our beach.

Numerous SBPOA members were concerned that there would be no Christmas Lights along Route 1 in South Bethany this year due to budget cuts. At the November Town Council Meeting the SBPOA President, Kathy Jankowski, asked if the lights could be put up if funds (\$1,500) were found from another source. The response was positive. So the SBPOA executive committee decided to make it happen. The SBPOA executive committee could authorize up to \$1,000 toward the lights. The balance came from individual donations requested on the SBPOA web site. The lights were installed on December 1, 2009. See picture on page 5. More information about how your dues are spent is available on the web site.

### **NOTES FROM THE CANAL WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE**

Since we have not been able to find funding for the Tidal Pump, which would have had a significant impact towards cleaning up the water quality in our canals, we have been focusing on eliminating stormwater runoff pollution that enters our canals.

An analysis was conducted to determine the source of runoff into our canals. For all canals, except the Anchorage Canal, the runoff comes from the following:

- 69% from South Bethany lots
- 10% comes from South Bethany roads
- 9% comes from the Delaware Route 1 right a way.
- And 12% falls directly on our canals.

So homeowners are the biggest contributors to our canal water quality issues.

The situation is significantly different for the Anchorage Canal. There is a 36 inch diameter pipe that flows into the Anchorage Canal from Delaware Route 1 and from our neighbors north of us. 64% of the stormwater runoff that enters the Anchorage Canal flows through that pipe. 36% comes from the Town of South Bethany. In previous newsletters we reported that the Town of South Bethany, in conjunction with the Center for the Inland Bays and the DelDOT, had received a grant from the US Army Corps of Engineers for \$35,000 to assess retrofit opportunities to mitigate the stormwater impact from the Anchorage Canal stormwater drainage area, which empties into the Anchorage Canal.

We have now received the draft copy of *Conceptual Pollution and Stormwater Control Strategy for the Anchorage Canal Drainage Area* – Draft 11/5/09. This draft report can be viewed on the CIB web site, click on [http://www.inlandbays.org/cib\\_pm/pdfs/uploads/ACDARPdraftstrategy.pdf](http://www.inlandbays.org/cib_pm/pdfs/uploads/ACDARPdraftstrategy.pdf). The Anchorage Canal drainage area is shown in Figure 1 (see page 4) from the draft report.

The report's recommendations for improvements are divided into two groups.

1. Residential Stormwater Practices, Education and Pollution Prevention
2. Retrofit Practices designed to store, infiltrate, and/or treat stormwater runoff

Item 2, the retrofit practices that are identified, requires cooperation among the Town of South Bethany, DelDOT and our neighbors north of us and will be addressed in future newsletters. This newsletter will concentrate on Item 1 practices that you, as a property owner, are able to implement.

**Lawn Care Education** – The following is copied from the draft report. “Lawns that are lush, dense, and consistently green may suggest the use of fertilizers and/or herbicides, particularly if they are managed by a lawn care company. Pollutants from the lawn can be washed into storm drains from either rainfall or routine lawn watering. Figure 3 [see page 4] illustrates some of the typical lawn conditions found throughout the drainage area. The ideal behavior in terms of water quality is to avoid lawn fertilization entirely. The next best thing for homeowners who feel they must fertilize is to practice natural lawn care: using low inputs of organic or slow release fertilizers that are based on actual needs as determined by a soil test.”

**Rooftop Downspout and Outdoor Shower Disconnection** - The following is copied from the draft report. “Many of the homes that are directly adjacent to the Anchorage Canal have rooftop downspouts and outdoor showers that are piped directly into the canal. A simple recommendation for these homes is to disconnect the downspouts and showers to pervious areas on the individual properties. This would allow the water to infiltrate and help prevent the discharge of pollutants into the canal. Figure 4 [see page 4] shows some of the outfalls draining to the canal from rooftop downspouts and outdoor showers. In the case of outdoor showers, disconnection may require addition of loose gravel around the shower to aid infiltration and avoid creation of muddy areas.”

The Town of South Bethany has Ordinance 149-09 in place that does not allow runoff water from new roof construction or repair that includes the installation of rain gutters and downspouts to drain directly into any canal. The ordinance also does not allow any newly constructed outdoor shower to drain within 10 feet of any canal. However this ordinance has no effect on outfalls that discharge directly into the canal that existed before the ordinance was passed. ***All homeowners who have existing outfalls that discharge directly into our canals are strongly encouraged to disconnect them!*** This is something that we have control of to improve the water quality in our canals.

**Impervious Cover Reduction** – The following is copied from the draft report. “For all neighborhoods within the Anchorage Canal drainage area, individual lots contain an average of 40-50% impervious cover (rooftops, decks, sidewalks, and driveways) and 50-60% pervious cover (landscaping, grass cover, and gravel cover). Most houses have pervious driveways in the form of gravel cover, which is highly preferable to paved driveways in terms of residential stormwater management. However, as redevelopment and remodeling take place within the neighborhoods, the trend is for residents to increase impervious cover in the form of decks, patios, walkways, home additions, and paved driveways. This is contributing to stormwater ponding throughout the neighborhoods, which has been noted as one of the main homeowner concerns. Figure 6 [see page 4] shows examples of impervious cover trends throughout the neighborhoods.”

“One solution to deter homeowners from increasing impervious cover on their lots is an impervious cover ordinance, such as the draft ordinance currently under review for the Town of South Bethany. Upon approval, this ordinance would apply to neighborhoods N3 and N4 and include the following provisions:

- Require that 55% of any required setback area be covered with pervious materials.
- Require that only pervious material is permitted within 5 feet (or 50% of the required setback where the required setback is less than 10 feet) of the property boundary on any building lot.
- Require advance approval to install ground covering on building lots.”



**FIGURES FROM ANCHORAGE CANAL DRAINAGE AREA DRAFT REPORT**

Figure 3. Typical lawn care conditions within the drainage area. From left to right: N4 lawn facing the Anchorage Canal, N2 (Middlesex Beach), N1 (Bethany Beach).



Figure 4. Examples of rooftop downspout and outdoor shower discharge directly into the Anchorage Canal

Figure 1. [To the left] Anchorage Canal drainage Area and Field Assessment Sites. N indicates a neighborhood assessment site and R indicates a retrofit site.



Figure 6. Examples of impervious cover trends throughout the neighborhoods. Left to Right – Pervious gravel driveway half converted to impervious cover driveway in N4 (Sandpiper Pines); Large portion of lot converted to impervious cover to serve as a parking area in N2 (Middlesex Beach); Large portion of lot converted to impervious cover to serve as a parking area in N3 (Sandpiper Village); The conversion of gravel driveways to impervious cover has led to water ponding along the right of way in N1 (Bethany Beach).

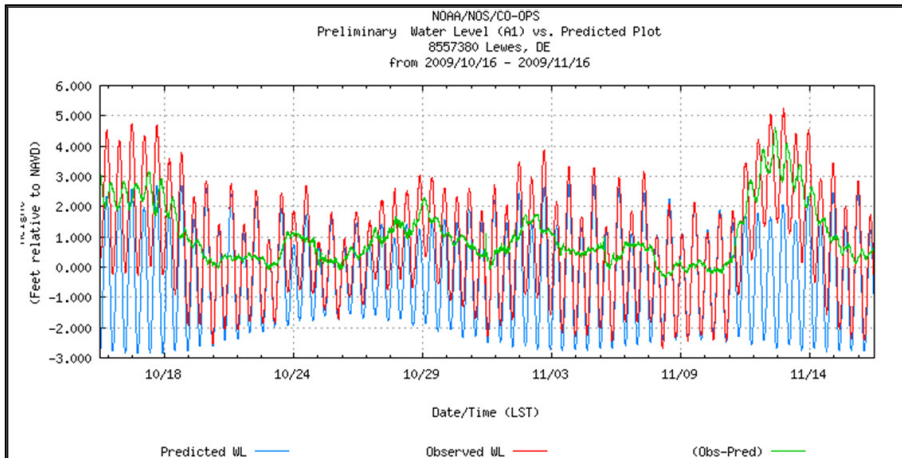
**Pictures of Nor'Easter Damage** – Damage limited to beach and dune. There was no significant damage to homes or roads. The dune saved us!!



South end looking south – South end looking east – North end looking south – South end looking north

More pictures are available on web sites; SBPOA <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com>, Town of South Bethany <http://www.southbethany.org> and DNREC <http://www.swc.dnrec.delaware.gov/Pages/default.aspx>.

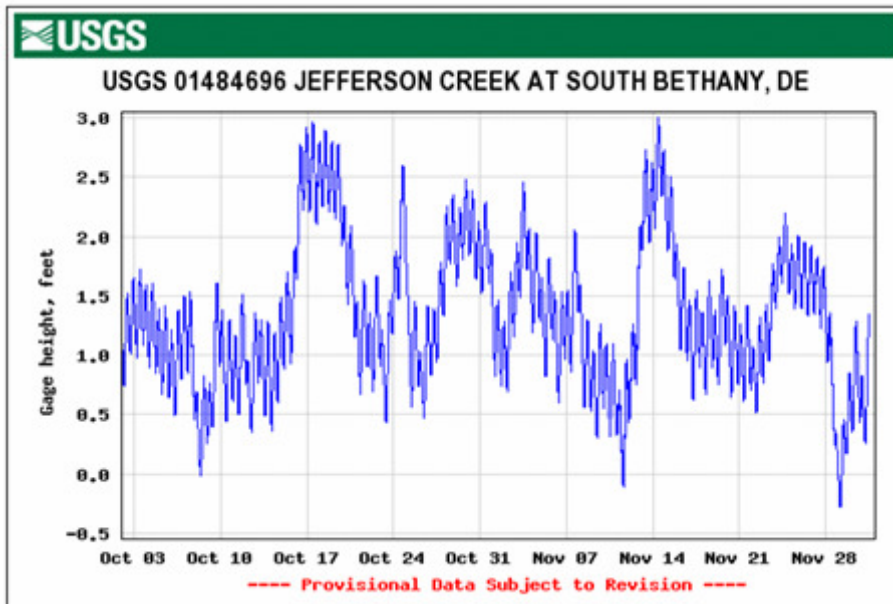




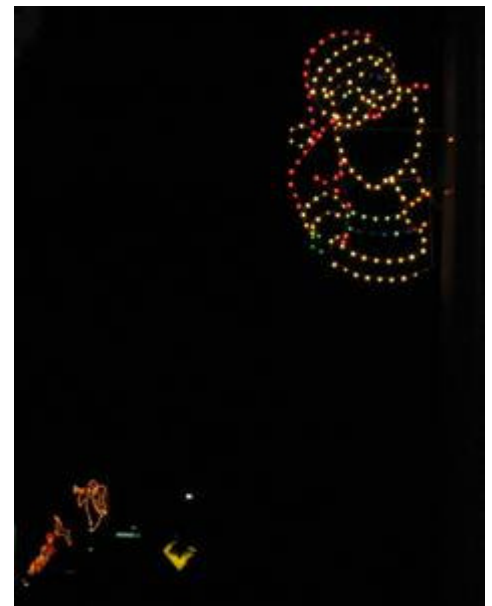
**Ocean Tides At Lewis Tide Gage**



**Handicapped Wheelchair**



**Canal Tides at Jefferson Creek Tide Gage**



**Christmas in South Bethany**



**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration**



**Dredge in Assawoman Canal**

**SBPOA SPONSORS BRIDGE CLUB**

The South Bethany Property Owners Association (SBPOA) sponsors a bridge club which meets at the Town Hall on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month from 1:30p.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.

However the bridge club will be very informal during the winter months. Terry York, the coordinator of the bridge club, will not be available during this time. Members of the bridge club who still wish to play bridge during this time may do so by contacting Dee Burbage at the Town Hall (302-539-3653 x218) to be certain that the room is available on that Friday.

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

links:

Article on the November storm

[http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/weather\\_alert\\_updated\\_storm\\_breaches\\_dunes\\_bethany\\_south\\_bethany\\_fenwick\\_and\\_inlet\\_bridge\\_ph](http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/weather_alert_updated_storm_breaches_dunes_bethany_south_bethany_fenwick_and_inlet_bridge_ph)

Article on South Bethany Celebrates 40 years

[http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/south\\_bethany\\_celebrates\\_40\\_years](http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/south_bethany_celebrates_40_years)

Article on Bethany's Smoking Ban

[http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/bethany\\_beach\\_adopts\\_smoking\\_ban](http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/bethany_beach_adopts_smoking_ban)

Article on Porous Concrete

[http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/new\\_concrete\\_type\\_gets\\_perking\\_south\\_bethany](http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/new_concrete_type_gets_perking_south_bethany)

**SBPOA DATES**

DATE	Weekday	TIME	EVENT
December 18, 2009	Friday		Publish Winter Shore Lines
February 13, 2010	Saturday	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 26, 2010	Friday		Publish Spring Shore Lines
April 17, 2010	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 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) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Nomination and Election of Officers</li> <li>➤ Deadline for SBPOA membership sign-up</li> </ul>
June 25, 2009	Friday		Publish Summer Shore Lines

<b>Treasurer's Report - Ann Shanks</b>		
<b>Balance 8/24/2009</b>		<b>\$31,808.87</b>
	Category Description	Total
<b>INCOME</b>		
	Christmas Lights Donations	\$1,260.00
	Interest income	\$29.52
	Membership Dues	\$552.50
	South Bethany Apparel Income	\$523.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>\$2,365.02</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
	40th Anniversary	\$500.00
	Charity	
	Wheelchair	\$2,500.00
	Newsletter	\$186.35
	Holiday Lights	\$1,500.00
	South Bethany Apparel Expense	\$580.50
	Supplies	\$166.98
	Post Office Box Rental	\$56.00
	Neighborhood Watch	\$322.31
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$5,812.14</b>
<b>Balance 12/7/09</b>		<b>\$28,361.75</b>

**Formation Of Town Of South Bethany Budget Finance Committee**

by Councilman Tim Saxton

The Budget and Finance committee was approved by the Town at the October Town Council Meeting. The newly formed committee is made of the following membership:

Tim Saxton	Chair
Jay Headman	
Keith Krenz	
George Junkin	
John Rubinsohn	
Melvin Cusick	Ad Hoc
Joe DeLoach	Ad Hoc
Renee McDorman	Ad Hoc

The committee held its first meeting on November 13, 2009.

Attendees: T. Saxton, J. Headman, K. Krenz, G. Junkin, J. Rubinsohn, M. Cusick, R. McDorman, and J. DeLoach

The following tasks/action items were initiated at that meeting;

- A sub-committee (J. Headman, J. Rubinsohn, and K. Krenz) was formed to begin preparing a 3-5 year plan that will eventually be presented to the Town Council for approval. Meetings to begin in January. Jay Headman leads the sub-committee. Input is currently being solicited.
- All committee members will participate in FY2010 budget reviews and FY2011 budget preparations.
- All income and expense line items will be reviewed monthly.
- All expense line items are being scrutinized to identify potential reductions in spending.
- Input on the FY2011 budget will begin at the December 2009 meeting.
- A group will be formed to review insurance costs incurred by the Town.
- FY2011 first draft budget will be delivered by town staff to the committee on January 8, 2010.
- Meetings are scheduled for budget review at the end of January and early February.

The Committee has allocated time slots in all meeting agendas for public input.

As the committee works through budgetary and financial issues facing the Town, it encourages community input and suggestions. Please feel free to contact committee members or attend committee meetings. Committee meeting dates will be posted on the Town website with an agenda one week before the meeting.

**Assawoman Canal Information** – Dredging started again in September. They may finish by January. No promises. A picture of the dredge is on page 5. Some information is available at <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com/AssawomanCanal.aspx>

**Town of South Bethany - Exchange of Recycling Carts**

South Bethany will change recycling providers from DSWA to Allied Waste beginning January 1, 2010. In the interim, Allied Waste will be picking up curbside recycling in South Bethany for DSWA for the remainder of this year. Allied Waste will be providing new recycling carts for South Bethany. They will include both 65 gallon and 35 gallon containers.

Allied Waste Company will begin exchanging recycling carts on the third Friday of each month beginning January 15, 2010. Delaware Solid Waste Authority will pick the old recycling carts up at the same time. Even if you do not have recyclables for pick up, please place your DSWA (blue and yellow) cart curbside so that the exchange can be made. We would like to complete the exchange program by April 16, 2010.

If you are already signed up for recycling, you do not need to sign up again. If you are not currently participating in the recycling program, you may sign up for recycling on the Town's website, [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org), click on the Recycling Sign Up page which is on the left hand side at the bottom.

Please contact Town Hall if you have any questions.

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