

SBPOA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FOR 2010 – 2011 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 2010 – 2011 year. For only \$20.00 you receive, among other items, the following (none of which are Town programs):

- Monitoring of your property by the Neighborhood Watch. **When you fill out the application you update all your contact information which then allows us to contact you if we find a problem with your property.**
- All *Shore Lines* editions.
- Special E-mails about time critical information
- 2 tickets for dinner at the SBPOA Bull Roast on June 5, 2009 at the South Bethany Town Hall
- The appreciation of your neighbors for supporting the Association, and helping to pay for the costs of the SBPOA website <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com>, the Neighborhood Watch and the Telephone Book programs. If you become a member, we have updated information to include in our telephone book.

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 quarterly 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 2010/2011 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.

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – Kathy Jankowski

Spring is finally here, and we are ready for a new season! We had wonderful weather for planting grass on the dunes on Saturday, March 20. See pictures on the SBPOA website <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com>.

I want to publicly thank Don Chrobot, our Town Maintenance Supervisor, for doing a wonderful job in clearing our streets during the snowstorms. I also want to thank the Neighborhood Watch walkers and our police force for checking all the houses when there was a string of break-ins this winter.

This is a busy time for SBPOA. You will see articles in this newsletter on the several activities taking place including sending out our annual application form. I have been trying to send more frequent communications via email, so it is important that we have your up-to-date email address if you are interested in receiving these notifications.

As you know, the Town has minimum funds to spend on beautification this year. In order to defray some of the costs, we are asking you to donate perennials that you no longer want. See the article in this newsletter on "Recycling Perennials."

Sandi Roberts is busy restocking the shelves at McCabe's with South Bethany apparel, available for purchase. Walt Laderer is busy getting ready for our annual bull roast to be held on Saturday, June 5.

Mike Matera is putting together information for our annual yard sale, which is held the Saturday and Sunday of Memorial Day weekend. The Town election is also held that Saturday, May 29, so we will be inviting the candidates to introduce themselves at our next SBPOA membership meeting on May 1. Please come to the Town Hall from 10 to noon to meet the candidates.

I am also asking you to come to the May 1 meeting to vote on changes to our bylaws. The SBPOA Executive Board has made changes after receiving your input at the February 13 meeting. (See proposed changes in this newsletter.) These changes reflect our current voting practices.

In this newsletter, we are also providing information on the proposed casino. Please voice your opinion to Delaware legislators.

One last item—We desperately need a person to lead the telephone directory effort. John Speer and his wife Celeste have done such a wonderful job in the past, but it is time to pass the baton. Unless someone volunteers for this important leadership role, we will have to postpone printing the telephone directory again next year. Please call me if you want more details.

Kathy Jankowski 310 W. 4th Street 539-8570

NOTICE OF REGULAR ASSOCIATION MEETING

This is your written notice for the next regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting will be on Saturday, **May 1**, (not April 10th or 17th, as previously scheduled) 2010 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 and Mayoral Candidates. The positions open are for three Town Council Seats and Mayor with the application deadline being April 15th. Once we know who is running we will invite them to meet you on **May 1st**. 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.

PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES Changes are highlighted in *bold italics*

ARTICLE I NAME AND TERRITORY

Sec. 1. The name of this organization shall be the South Bethany Property Owners Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the Association.

Sec. 2. The membership of the Association shall be open to:
owners of property within the corporate limits of the Town of South Bethany, Delaware, including individuals, corporations, partnerships, and business firms.

- a. Owners, *and spouses/partners of owners*, of property within the corporate limits of the Town of South Bethany, Delaware.
- b. *including individuals, Representatives of corporations, partnerships, and business firms businesses who own property within the corporate limits of the Town of South Bethany, Delaware.*
- c. Members, as identified in a. and b. above, may designate on the SBPOA application two (2) individuals to replace them as members of SBPOA.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Sec. 1. Each owner of property in the Town shall be eligible for membership in the Association. The property owner(s) is/are the name(s) appearing on the deed(s). Corporation(s), partnership(s), and business firm(s) managers shall designate, in writing, the officer or individual who will represent the corporation, partnership or business firm.

Sec. ~~2.~~ *1. Each owner of property* Property owners who meet the requirements of Article I Sec. 2 a and b, desiring to become an Association member, shall file an application for membership *and shall indicate up to two (2) individuals for membership on the application form.*

Sec. ~~3.~~ *2.* The annual membership dues will be payable on a fiscal year basis for the period beginning on June 1 and ending on May 31 and shall be established at the

~~March/April~~ January/February regular meeting for the following fiscal year.

Sec. ~~4.~~ *3.* Each *owner of property individual* whose application has been received and whose current Association dues have been paid shall be a member in good standing.

ARTICLE V VOTING

Sec. 1. Voting status is determined by annual submission of an application for membership in the Association and payment of an application fee. *Thus, property owners of houses, lots, or businesses in South Bethany who have filed such application and paid such fee are entitled to one vote irrespective of the number of owners listed on the deed, or the number of properties owned. Not more than two people per membership, as indicated on the application form, shall be eligible to vote and no one person shall be allowed more than one vote independent of the number of properties owned or the number of memberships filed.*

ARTICLE VII POWERS AND DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Sec. 5. The Treasurer shall prepare an annual operating budget for approval by the Executive Committee, and subsequently by majority vote of the Association members at the *~~March/April~~ January/February* regular meeting.

ARTICLE VIII COMMITTEES

Sec. 3. An Information Committee, composed of SBPOA volunteers to communicate information to SBPOA members concerning the Town of South Bethany through the SBPOA Newsletter "Shore Lines" and through the use of e-mailings *and website.*

ARTICLE IX FISCAL YEAR, MEETINGS AND QUORUM

- d) January/February Meeting
 - Used to appoint a nominating committee
 - Establish the dues for the following fiscal year
 - *Adoption of annual operating budget*
- d) *~~March/April~~ April/May* Meeting
 - President's report on state of Association
 - *Adoption of annual operating budget.*
 - *Introduction of candidates for Town Council.*

DeIDOT PRESS RELEASE – Your New Indian River Inlet Bridge

The new Indian River Inlet Bridge is scheduled to be open by the summer of 2011. More information (pictures, videos, timeline, etc.) can be found at http://www.deldot.gov/information/projects/indian_river_bridge/index.shtml.

ASSAWOMAN CANAL INFORMATION – "Dredging continues after DNREC received an extension from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the State of Delaware to dredge this year until April 15 in an effort to complete the project before the upcoming boating season." Follow the link for more information. <http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/Assawoman/Pages/ACDPUUpdates.aspx>.

THE COASTAL POINT – ARTICLES OF INTEREST TO SOUTH BETHANY.

Follow the links: <http://www.thecoastalpoint.com/> "BREAKING NEWS: Bethany adopts beach smoking ban": http://bethanybeachnews.com/content/breaking_news_bethany_adopts_beach_smoking_ban
"New concrete type gets perking in South Bethany":

**REPORT FROM JAY HEADMAN, Chairman
Of SB Water Quality Committee**

The South Bethany Canal Water Quality Committee goal is to help make our canals swimmable and fishable. We continue to look for ways to accomplish this goal by educating our community on water quality issues, working with the town, state, and federal governments to eliminate pollutants entering our canals, reviewing the Town Ordinances and if necessary, creating new ones that would eliminate pollutants entering our canals, and working closely with the Center for the Inland Bays. Currently I am co sponsoring a new town ordinance, Ordinance 153-10, with Councilman John Fields. The purpose of the ordinance is to restrict the amount of impervious surfaces permitted in the setbacks. In addition to this, members of the Committee have been working with DelDot, CIB, Center for Watershed Protection, Middlesex Beach, and Sea Colony to finalize the study of the Anchorage Canal Assessment Study. The final report should be completed this spring, and a public meeting will be scheduled to share the findings and recommendations. George Junkin, a committee member, has submitted a proposal for a Clean Water Advisory grant. The grant would be used to install a diffuser system in one of our canals in order to improve the water quality. We just heard that our proposal was not one that was selected.

This year we plan to continue to monitor the canal’s water quality. Dave Wilson and his team systematically monitor 7 sites in our canals for dissolved oxygen, water temperature, salinity, nitrogen and phosphorus, and bacteria. In addition, the CIB and DelDot installed a continuous dissolved oxygen monitor in one of our canals. Allan Allenspach leads the Oyster Gardening Program. This program has approximately 110 floats in our canals. Due to the generosity of the SBPOA, he was able to purchase new spat for the floats last year.

Our committee believes strongly that in order for our town to be successful in improving the water quality in our canals, we need every one in our community to do their part. Our committee will continue to place articles in this newsletter, the SBPOA website, and the *Zypher* that will provide ways you can help. Additionally there is a publication, *Delaware Coast—A—Sys, An Environmental Risk Assessment Guide For Protecting Coastal Water Quality*, from DNREC that details what homeowners can do to improve water quality. This document is available in PDF format on the SBPOA web site, <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com/Documents/DNREC-coastasyst.pdf>, or in hard copy at the SB Town Hall.

ANNUAL BULL ROAST – At the South Bethany Town Hall. Mark Saturday, June 5, 2010, 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 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. At the Bull Roast we will have a supply of South Bethany merchandise. PLEASE BRING CHAIRS TO SIT ON.

RECYCLING PERENNIAL PLANTS

If your garden has become overgrown with perennial plants, we know what you can do with the extra plants! South Bethany Town Maintenance Supervisor, Don Chrobot will re-plant them in some of the town's garden beds along Route 1 and near Town Hall. This helps the town save money and beautify it at the same time! Don has graciously volunteered to pick them up from your house. Please contact Don via email at maintenance@southbethany.org or by phone at 302-539-3653 to make arrangements.

SBPOA PROPOSED BUDGET - June 2010 through May 2011		
Year		Budget
	Members	775
	Dues \$	20
Income:		
	Dues	15,500
	South Bethany Apparel	2,500
	Interest	80
	Telephone Directory	10,000
	Bull Roast Tickets	300
	Total Income	28,380
Expense:		
	Bull Roast	6,000
	Oyster Farming	1,000
	Water Quality	1,000
	Telephone Directory	14,000
	Beautification	1,000
	Charity	2,300
	Inland Waterways	500
	Cheer Center	500
	Fire Department	500
	Library	500
	Parade	300
	Lifeguard of the Year Award	200
	Accountant	250
	South Bethany Apparel (expense)	2,000
	Neighborhood Watch	3,500
	Newsletter	3,500
	Website	20
	Office Supplies/postage	200
	PO Box rent	60
	Refreshments	100
	Miscellaneous	1,000
	Total Expense	36,130
	Net Gain/Loss	-7,750
	Bank Balance (12/31/09 Actual)	26,838
	Contingency Reserve Needed	14,000
	Excess Funds	5,088

Treasurer's Report - Ann Shanks		
Balance 12/8/09		\$28,361.75
Income		
	Holiday Light Donations	\$50.00
	Interest Inc	\$15.98
	Invest Inc	\$8.67
	Memberhip Dues	\$60.00
Total Income		\$1,394.65
Expenses		
	Charity	
	Frankord School Dictionaries	\$196.35
	Newsletter	\$689.22
	Volunteer Luncheon	\$1,101.60
Total Expenses		\$1,987.17
Balance 2/12/10		\$26,509.23
All SBPOA funds are insured by FDIC		

DATE	Weekday	TIME	EVENT
May 1, 2010	Saturday	10:00 AM	SBPOA Membership Meeting (#4) Meet the Town Election Candidates President's Report & Adopt Annual Budget
May 1, 2010	Saturday	1:00 PM	Park Referendum Public Meeting
May 5, 2010	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
May 15, 2010	Saturday	1:00 PM	Park Referendum Public Meeting
May 29, 2010	Saturday	All Day	SBPOA Yard Sale
May 29, 2010	Saturday	Till 7:00 P	Town Election
June 5, 2009	Saturday		Bulk Trash Pick-Up
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

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



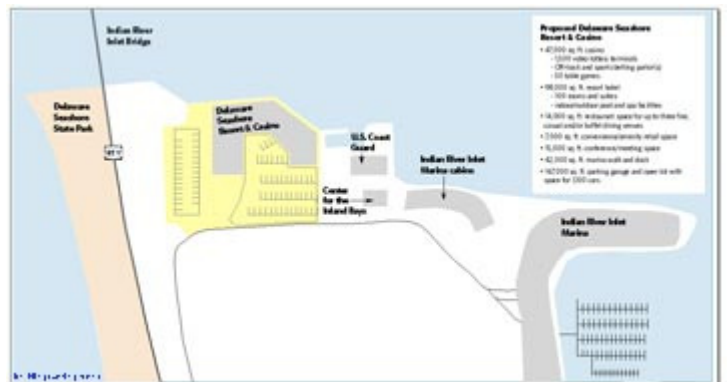
OUR BEACHES WILL BE REPAIRED BY MEMORIAL DAY

At our February 13, 2010 SBPOA Meeting, Kathy Jankowski reported on some beach repair work that is planned by DNREC for our beaches. Tony Pratt, from the Shoreline and Waterway Management Section of DNREC, reported at the South Bethany Town Council Meeting, 2/12/2010, that the DNREC would move as much sand back to the dune as possible by March 20, 2010. This is to meet the schedule for planting dune grass by volunteers on March 20. Before Memorial Day the DNREC will repair all the dune crossings and rebuild the fences that were destroyed by the November 2009 Nor'easter, "Nor'Ida".

SBPOA recognizes Don Chrobot for doing an excellent job clearing the snow from South Bethany Roads. He spent many hours driving the snow plow. During the plowing process some mail box damage occurred from flying snow. If you need help repairing a mail box that was damaged during the plowing process please notify the Town Hall at 302-539-3653.

The proposed location is on state property on the northwest side of the Indian River Bridge right next to the Coast Guard Station and to the Center for the Inland Bays (CIB). Two articles about it were published in the *Cape Gazette*.

See article in the *Cape Gazette* – “Developers of the newest Sussex County casino proposal are betting on location, location, location to sell their idea.” <http://capegazette.com/storiescurrent/201002/ir-casino26.html>.



See article in the *Cape Gazette* – “The proposed Delaware Seashore Resort & Casino on state park land adjacent to Indian River Inlet could pose a threat to the watershed, a local expert on the Inland Bays says.

“Ed Lewandowski, executive director of the Center for the Inland Bays (CIB), headquartered just a few hundred feet from the proposed 200,000-square-foot casino complex, said the project is contrary to an intergovernmental agreement pledging to achieve the goals of the Inland Bays Comprehensive Conservation and Management Plan (CCMP).” http://www.capegazette.com/storiescurrent/201003/ir_casino05.html **CLICK HERE <http://www.sussexcountyde.gov/suggestions.cfm> to send a message to the SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL.** Let your representatives and senator know your thoughts. Contact info can be found at http://legis.delaware.gov/Legislature.nsf/Lookup/ContactInfo_Home?open