



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – Kathy Jankowski

Dear SBPOA Members,

This is my final letter as President of the SBPOA. I would like to thank you for allowing me to serve as your Treasurer for two years and as President for two years. With the assistance of many of our neighbors, some of whom have become good friends, this has been a wonderful experience. Ann Shanks has done a great job as Treasurer for the past two years; and many new faces--Christine Keefe, John Stefani, Sue Allenspach, and Carol Stevenson, to name a few—have stepped up to the plate to fill in for those who have retired their positions. There are just too many to list here to give thanks to them all without missing someone.

There have been a number of projects we have accomplished, which hopefully have met your expectations. As I continue to work with the Town Beautification Committee, I hope to see many of your faces.

You are in very good hands with the 1st Vice President, Linda Lewis, and Secretary, Sandi Roberts, and, if re-elected, Dan Cowell as 2nd Vice President. Please give a warm welcome to your new President and Treasurer.

If there is anything I can do to help make South Bethany a better place, please don't hesitate to call or stop by. I still live at 310 W. 4th Street.

Sincerely,

Kathy Jankowski, President, SBPOA
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News on the Newsletter

At the last membership meeting while approving our new budget, it was decided to save money by no longer mailing the newsletter. When I was presenting the costs, I over-estimated the costs to mail the newsletter; of course, the cost is dependent on number of mailings and length of the newsletter. My current plan is to continue to mail the newsletter this year (although it may be shorter than the email version) and email the membership newsletter to those receiving email to reduce costs. I will stay within the approved budget of \$2,000 for next fiscal year. If we need to change this process to stay in budget, I will let you know. I will also take printed copies to the town hall for those that would like to pick up a copy. I apologize for the misinformation. This issue can be addressed again next year during the budget process. Past issues of Shore Lines are available to everyone to print at home using the SBPOA website <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com/newsletter.aspx>.

South Bethany Yard Sale

Our annual yard sale is being held on May 28th and 29th from 8 am until ?. You can pick up a list of participating streets at the town hall and/or look for signs along Route 1.

South Bethany Property Owners Directory

The newly updated South Bethany Telephone Directory and Buyers Guide will be published at the end of this month. It will be distributed to all SBPOA members by mid June. Please be on the lookout for your Directory which will be placed in a plastic bag and hung from your door, or placed between your door and your screen door. The Directory is paid for by the local businesses that have placed ads in the Buyers Guide section of the book. When visiting their establishments, please let them know you saw their ad in our Directory and appreciate their support.

SBPOA Officer Election

At our June 4th meeting we will elect a new President, 2nd VP and Treasurer. Thanks to Kathy Jankowski and Ann Shanks for their hard work last year. Dan Cowell has agreed to run again for the 2nd VP position. The nominating committee, Linda Lewis, Kathy Jankowski and Sandi Roberts are recommending the following nominees (nominations will also be taken from the floor at our meeting):

For President: John Eckenrode



As a recent retiree after 35 years working with banks and owning a rental property in South Bethany for past the 10 years I know the high value SBPOA provides to our community. I've asked to be considered as President of the Association to keep SBPOA active as a positive influence to all South Bethany property owners. 2010 was the first year my wife Pamela and I made Elizabeth Way our primary residence. We are thankful that Kathy Jankowski has agreed to continue to be available to SBPOA after her term as President expires, same as Al Rae did for her, to assure a smooth transition to new Association stewardship.

For 2nd VP: Dan Cowell: I am from Trenton, NJ, and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania and the New Jersey College of Medicine. I trained in psychiatry at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Washington, DC and earned a Masters Degree in Liberal Studies from Georgetown University in 1982. I've served in many administrative positions during the course of my 30 plus years career with the United States Public Health Service from which I retired with the rank of Captain in 1994. We then moved to Huntington, WV where I was a professor of psychiatry for 15 years at the Marshall University School of Medicine. My wife, Diana, and I both retired in June '09, and moved to South Bethany full time. We have enjoyed vacationing in South Bethany for the 25 years during which we have had a home here. As a new community member, I have become involved with the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company as a service member. For the last year I've held the office of 2nd VP and lead the Neighborhood Watch Program. I am looking forward to working with the many fine Watch volunteers and other SBPOA members this year

For Treasurer: Linda Paul: Hi South Bethany Home Owners!! I'm Linda Paul and am interested in the treasurer position. We've owned our home on Tamarack for 10+ years and have lived there full time on occasion, but mostly enjoy it as our vacation home. Our permanent residence is located in Dagsboro, DE. Cripple Creek for all you golf lovers. My husband continues to work overseas on a rotation basis so I have time to attend meetings and handle financial situations. I have many years of experience having been on school boards and handling finances for woman's associations while overseas. I'm a retired RN with a BS in

Nursing. My three daughters are all grown, the youngest at U of D, just finishing her freshman year. I look forward to meeting more of my neighbors.

Bull Roast June 4th – Make Your Reservations NOW

Please don't forget to make your reservations for the 2011 Bull Roast. The event will be held at the town hall on Saturday, June 4th. The short annual meeting will begin at 4 PM followed by barbeque provided by Charlie K's. The menu includes appetizers, wine, beer, iced tea, ribs, barbecued chicken, pulled pork, briskets, and sides along with dessert and coffee. The "Garage Band" will be playing for your dining pleasure, and dancing will be in the street!! Remember, the Bull Roast is FREE to all current SBPOA members (2 per household). Guests are \$20 per adult and for young folks those over 12, \$8 for children 6 to 12, and free for children under 6. If you have not paid your dues, pay them now and avoid the rush! Your \$20 membership fee gets 2 homeowners into the Bull Roast for FREE!

Please bring your own lawn chairs. Tables will be provided, and some will even be in our shady park! **Make your reservations by calling Kathy Jankowski at 302-539-8570 or kathyj310@yahoo.com. Make those reservations early so we can plan for table set ups!** Rain or shine! See you on June 4th at the town hall!

New Tax Status Committee

SBPOA corporate tax reporting status today requires all tax related annual expenses to occur within the same tax year income was collected. This requirement leaves no flexibility on payment of publishing costs associated with the annual Property Owners Directory. Tony Caputo, one of our SBPOA members, has offered his assistance. Suggestions and other offers to assist sent to SBPOAInfoRequest@gmail.com will be welcomed from members familiar with tax considerations by dues collecting Associations or Organizations holding a Section 501(c) (3) tax exemption.

Water Quality Update by George Junkin

- **Water Quality Monitoring** – The water quality monitors, led by Dave Wilson, are taking data (dissolved oxygen, salinity, temperature, water clarity, nutrient levels and bacteria levels) early every Tuesday at 10 sites in our canals. This data is giving us a baseline on the conditions in our canals. Future data will show if any of the retrofits, that have been designed and are now being implemented to improve water quality, have in fact made positive changes to the quality of the water in our canals. South Bethany also has a continuous monitor in the Anchorage canal, near the DelDOT installed sedimentation forebay. This monitor records dissolved oxygen, salinity and temperature every 15 minutes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This data together with data from the Bethany Weather Station for solar radiation, the US Geological Survey Tide Gage at West 1st Street, and the rain gage supplied by DelDot at South 4th Street helps us to understand why the dissolved oxygen in our canals is so low as to not support fish and crabs in our canals at times during the summer. The water quality monitors also monitor dissolved oxygen, salinity, temperature and water clarity every other week from a pontoon boat in the Little Assawoman Bay. This data is close to the data that is measured at the Tidal Gage location. As the locations move further into South Bethany from the tide gage the water quality tends to get worse. Thus the monitoring sites at Anchorage Canal and Rt. 1, Petherton and Rt.1 and at the sites at the end of the Jefferson Canal are typically worse off than at the Tide Gage.
- **Retrofits resulting from Pollution & Stormwater Control Strategy For The Anchorage Canal Drainage Area Study** – The study identified retrofits that would remove nitrogen and phosphorous (nutrients that are harmful to our water) from storm water before it enters our canal system at Anchorage. The first retrofit has been completed along the Sea Colony property and it is expected that it will remove about 10% of the nutrients that could be removed if all the retrofits were implemented. The

next retrofit identified for implementation is to create rain gardens in the Route 1 median through Middlesex and South Bethany. This retrofit is expected to remove an additional 5 ½ % of the possible nitrogen and 12 % of the possible phosphorous. Chris Bason from the Center for Inland Bays (CIB) is leading this effort. He has a \$45,000 grant committed from DNREC and \$15,000 committed from the CIB. Matching funds would come from DelDOT for items including traffic control and from Middlesex and South Bethany for providing the required vegetation. The South Bethany funds would come from the Beautification and Water Quality Committees' budgets. Excavation work is expected to be completed in the late fall and the planting is expected to be completed in the spring of 2012.

- **Anchorage Forebay Cleanout** – DelDOT has released a contract to perform the cleanout in the near future.
- **Oyster Gardening** – Allan Allenspach leads a group of over 30 people who garden oysters in South Bethany's canals. See picture at right for locations. The Town of South Bethany has contributed \$750 and the SBPOA has given \$1,000 to the CIB for Spat (baby oysters) and baskets to hold them in. Allan is looking for more oyster gardeners, so if you are interested please call him at 539-7135 or George Junkin at 541-5340.
- **Next Water Quality Committee Meeting** – Thursday, June 10, at 10:00 at the Town Hall.



South Bethany Historical Society by Mary Suazo

The South Bethany Historical Society was formed recently to help South Bethany property owners learn more about the history of their Town. Most property owners know that Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hall purchased a 130 acre tract of farm and swamp land in 1952 and named it South Bethany. However there is very little written information on the history of South Bethany and how this farm and swamp land became the community that we know today.

As a member of the South Bethany community do you know the answer to questions such as:

1. Who ran the Town in the 50's and 60's?
2. Who dug the canals and built the roads?
3. When and why was the Town incorporated?
4. How many Mayors has South Bethany had thru the years?

To find the answer to these questions, members of the Historical Society are working to locate old records and documents, and plan to catalogue and preserve these records. They ask all residents to help by sharing their old records, pictures, newspaper clippings and other memorabilia with them.

In addition the Historical Society is learning more about the history of our Town by interviewing the early residents who came to the area in the 50's, 60's and early 70's. They are also interviewing the former Mayors who served the Town from 1972 to the present. These interviews are shedding considerable light on the activities and happenings of those early formative years.

We ask all South Bethany Property Owners to help in this endeavor to research and record the history of our Town. In addition to sharing their memories and memorabilia with us all property owners can help by volunteering their time and by becoming a member or sponsor of the Historical Society. The Historical Society meets the second Friday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Town Hall. For more information, you can contact Dee Burbage at (302) 539-3653, ext.218 or Mary Suazo at (703) 963-6663 or by e-mail at msuazz@msn.com.

Neighborly News

At the last membership meeting, it was suggested that we include a newsletter section on items pertinent to our community. If you would like to include a short item in our next newsletter – please send it to Linda.E.Lewis@comcast.net. Items could include concerns, good experiences, recommendations on vendors, upcoming community events, etc.

With summer just around the corner here are a few items to consider:

- **The NO WAKE Zone.** Wakes cause damage to our bays, canals and boats. Our canals are narrow and even a small wake can push a boat into the dock and do damage. So please watch your speed and watch your wake in our canals as well as the entrance to our bays.
- **Changes in trash collection.** As of January 1, 2011 the State of Delaware mandated that landfills will no longer accept yard waste co-mingled with trash. Please do not place yard waste in your existing trash cans. The new town-wide curbside service for yard waste started March 8th and will continue once a month on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Starting in June, yard waste cannot be placed in plastic bags; bags; it must be in a trash can with the lid left off or in recyclable paper bags. Please do not place yard waste bag/containers at the street until the night before pick-up. Information about this program can be found on the South Bethany website: www.southbethany.org.
- **Concern for pedestrian safety.** At our last meeting concern was expressed about bikers using the pedestrian walk ways. Please use the bike lane when riding your bike in South Bethany and encourage your guests to do likewise.
- **Spring House Maintenance Checklist by Dennis Roberts**

Spring House Maintenance Checklist

Here is a basic sampling of things you can use as a tool to identify any problem areas with your home at the beach.

- **Roof:**
 - Are there any missing shingles that are visible from the street?
 - Are there any ripped or torn shingles?
 - Are there any exposed nails showing thru the shingles?
 - Are flashings secure and in place?
 - Does your metal chimney or chase cap show signs of rust?
 - Are any roof flashing boots concave and holding water?
 - Do your rain gutters have proper fall to allow drainage of water?
 - Do you see debris in your gutters from the ground?
 - Do you want to install gutter – guards to keep debris out of your gutters?
 - Are down spots allowed to carry water away from your house?
- **Siding:**
 - Is your wood siding showing rusted nail heads thru the paint or stain?
 - Is there any area's in corners, doors and windows where caulking is missing?
 - Do you have any area where paint is peeling to bare siding?
 - Are the bottom edges of your corner post showing any signs of wood rot?
 - ***Tip: If any wood rot is suspected, carefully probe with a sharp edge or ice pick. If rot exist, the sharp object will penetrate indicating problems.***
 - Are there any areas of siding that are buckled or missing?
 - Evaluate your painting. Should painting be performed to protect your wood siding?
 - Do you need to pressure wash to remove mold or mildew which can capture dampness?
- **Railings and Decks:**
 - Does your decking and railings need to be pressure washed?
 - Do your railings need to be painted or is now the time to think about vinyl maintenance free railings and composite decking?

- Are any wood deck boards existing with sharp splinters that could hurt someone bare foot?
- Are any of your deck boards so badly cupped at ends that they could cause a tripping hazard?
- Are all of your railings secure and safe?
- Is your deck properly secured to your house with lag bolts and washers to meet code?

- **Windows and Doors:**

- When you look at your doors from the inside, does any light show at the edges?
- Do your doors swing and lock properly?
- Do your windows operate smoothly? Does hardware need lubrication?
- Are there any areas of separation on your wood exterior doors?
- Does the exterior trim of your windows or doors need painting or show signs of rot?
- Do you need to replace your windows or doors with Energy Efficient Products that may qualify for tax credits?

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report 2/8/2011 to 5/5/2011			
Balance			\$ 39,084
Income			
	Directory		\$ 755
	Dues		\$ 13,550
	SB Apparel		\$ 1,011
	Interest		\$ 30
Total income			\$ 15,346
Expenses			
	Clayton Elementary		\$ 250
	Tax Preparation		\$ 250
	Newsletter		\$ 1,828
	Postage		\$ 33
	Appreciation Dinner		\$ 200
	4th of July Parade		\$ 300
	CIB donation		\$ 500
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Total Expenses			\$ 3,861
Balance			\$ 50,569
Expenses due by 6/4/2011			
	Bull Roast		\$ 8,000
	Phone Directory		\$ 4,000
	Appreciation Dinner		\$ 2,700
	Fire Department donation		\$ 1,500
Total			\$ 16,200

Spring 2011

2011-2012 Approved Budget			
Members		800	
Dues		\$20.00	
Income			
	Dues		\$ 16,000
	SB Apparel		\$ 1,400
	Interest		\$ 85
	Bull Roast (tickets)		\$ 400
Total Income			\$ 17,885
Expenses			
	Bull Roast		\$ 8,000
	Oyster Farming		\$ 1,000
	Beautificaiton		\$ 1,500
	CIB		\$ 500
	Cheer		\$ 500
	Fire Department		\$ 1,500
	Parade		\$ 300
	Accountant or Lawye		\$ 1,000
	SB Apparel		\$ 1,700
	Appreciation Dinner		\$ 3,500
	Appreciation Event		\$ 2,000
	Newsletter		\$ 2,000
	Website		\$ 20
	Postage		\$ 200
	Refreshments		\$ 100
	Miscellaneous		\$ 1,000
	PO Box Rent		\$ 60
Total Expenses			\$ 24,880

SBPOA DATES

DATE	Weekday	TIME	EVENT
May 28 & 29, 2011	Sat. & Sun.	All Day	SBPOA Yard Sale 8 am until ? Street listing can be picked up at the town hall.
May 28, 2011	Saturday	9 AM to 3 PM	Town Election – no election being held
June 4, 2011	Saturday		Bulk Trash Pick-Up
June 4, 2011	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 Make your reservations by calling Kathy Jankowski at 302-539-8570 or kathyj310@yahoo.com. Make those reservations early so we can plan for table set ups!

Note from the editor: If you have any feedback or suggestions for the newsletter, please send them to me at my email: Linda.E.Lewis@comcast.net or call 302-475-1506