



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT – Kathy Jankowski

Greetings SBPOA members,

This has been an awesome summer! I don't think we could have asked for more sunny days.

As you can see, Linda Lewis, our new 1st Vice President, has taken over the newsletter from George Junkin and is off to a fine start!

Dan Cowell, our 2nd VP, assumed responsibility for the Neighborhood Watch Program and has already had the placards printed and distributed all the materials to the captains for the walkers for the coming year. At our August 28 membership meeting, Lt. Linda O'Malley from the South Bethany Police and Mark Justice from the Delaware State Police talked to our members about "home safety" and distributed some materials. With the off-season approaching, many homes will be vacant, and they gave us some "wise" suggestions.

Ann Shanks, our Treasurer, has been on the lookout for ways to get the most from our money and recently invested \$5,000 in a 14-month CD at 1.25 percent. Ann's Treasurer's report and our spend-to-date are listed within.

Sandi Roberts, our Secretary, is also assuming responsibilities as our membership manager, so you will be hearing more about that in the future.

I had solicited help with two (2) projects, the Telephone Directory and the annual Bull Roast. Christine Keefe and John Stefani have agreed to tackle the telephone directory with a goal to publish it by next Memorial Day. This is quite an undertaking! I want to again thank John and Celeste Speer and all who helped them with our previous editions. If you are interested in helping Chris and John, please contact them at 537-9936 or chriskate@verizon.net or jstefani@juno.com.

Carol and Todd Stevenson have graciously volunteered to run the Bull Roast activity for the first Saturday in June. If you are interested in helping with that activity, please contact them at 829-8762 or cksteven@mchsi.com. I want to again thank Walt Laderer, Mike Matera, and others who have helped make this successful. As I looked around at everyone sweltering in the heat at the Bull Roast, it entered my mind "why couldn't we use the shade of the trees". Please let me know how you would feel about putting our tables in the park for this event.

Our Beach Patrol was able to participate in the National Competition in Huntington Beach, California and came in second overall. That is a great accomplishment, and I think it is wonderful that so many of our property owners and their guests supported them with donations and by attending their beach party on August 14. It was a wonderful family event! I, personally, would like to see this become an annual event for our town.

I'm working with a subcommittee for the Planning Commission to put together a survey to be used to update the Town's comprehensive plan. I'm referring to many of the notes you have sent me over the past year as input. Therefore, let me know if there is something of particular interest you would like addressed.

In closing, I am always looking for additional information to put on our website. Please let me know if you find the website useful and if you want to see additional topics added. Thank you for all your support and have a wonderful autumn!

Visit our website <http://sbpoa.web.officelive.com>

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Town of South Bethany Canal Water Quality Update by George Junkin

Forebay Clean Out – Many of you are familiar with the Anchorage Canal Forebay. Its function is to allow sedimentation that is carried by storm water runoff from about 100 acres north of us to settle out before it enters our Anchorage Canal. Periodically this sedimentation must be cleaned out. Marianne Walch, an environmental scientist with the DelDOT NPDES Program, arranged for a DelDOT crew to clean out the entrance part of the forebay in April 2010. As can be seen from the following pictures there was a lot of sediment that needed to be removed.



Proposed Bio-Retention Retrofit for Route 1 Median – The Town's Canal Water Quality Committee and the Town's Beautification Committee have joined forces to implement a recommendation from the *Pollution & Stormwater Control Strategy for the Anchorage Canal Drainage Area Study*. This involves creating a bio-retention area in the median, planted with appropriate vegetation for beautification, which will capture the first inch of rainfall and prevent suspended nutrients from flowing into and polluting our canals. The following pictures show what the current median looks like and what it could look like.



Helping the Environment Starts in Your Own Yard – Promote Environmentally Friendly Landscaping. Traditional landscaping often has harmful environmental impacts. Clearing natural habitats for urban/suburban growth and planting vast lawns place a heavy toll on the environment. This type of landscape requires

extensive use of mechanical equipment, unnecessary consumption of our limited natural resources (water and fossil fuels), frequent application of fertilizers and pesticides, and the generation of significant quantities of solid yard waste. As a result, our surface and ground waters are being polluted and our landfills are filling up. Further, the native plants that once naturally existed are being replaced by invasive plants, most commonly introduced through landscaping practices.

Rehoboth Beach Film Society by Wendi Dennis

The first annual Rehoboth Beach Independent Film Festival was launched in November of 1998. Since that time, the Rehoboth Beach Film Society has developed into a thriving cultural resource in southern Delaware.

The mission of the Rehoboth Beach Film Society is to promote the art of film and, through outreach initiatives, to entertain, educate, and enrich the cultural life of local and extended communities. In fulfilling that mission, the Film Society offers numerous year round events, including the Rehoboth Beach Independent Film Festival (November 10-14, 2010), Cinema & Art, Outdoor screenings, Monthly Screenings, Festival Film Reviews, and much more!

For more information on these programs, please visit www.rehobothfilm.com or call Education/Outreach Coordinator Wendi Dennis at 302-645-9095, ext. 2.

South Bethany's "French Connection" by Diana Cowell

Dan and Diana Cowell, residents of South Bethany on Henlopen Drive, welcomed Mayor Gabriel Daube and his wife, Sylviane, from Periers, France to their home this Aug. 17. Also accompanying the Mayor and his wife were three generations of the Levaufre family; Henri, his son Christian, and grandson, Julien. Julien stayed with the Cowell's in the summer of 2001 while he worked at DiFebo's restaurant and an ice cream parlor in BB. These five visitors from the Normandy region of France were in town for the events to formalize a sister city arrangement with Bethany Beach. Diana Cowell has visited the Periers many times with her father, Ed Hamilton, who had participated in the WWII landing of the 90th Division on Utah Beach and the following battles leading to the liberation of Periers on July 27, 1944. In 2008, to honor their father's wishes, the Hamilton family brought some of Ed Hamilton's ashes for burial in the town which he helped liberate. At that time, Mayor Daube expressed the wish to have an American Sister City. When the Cowell's finally made the permanent move to South Bethany in 2009, Diana encouraged the Mayor to contact Bethany Beach. He made a formal written request to Mayor Tony McClenny of Bethany Beach. The town council approved the request and the events were organized for the guests from France.

The city of Periers, France has been very welcoming to American visitors who have arrived from the United States to explore the beaches of D-Day and especially the Veterans who have returned to view the areas where they fought, or families who have made the journey to visit the graves of loved ones who gave their lives in defense of the ideal of freedom in a foreign land. The citizens of Periers and surrounding towns in Normandy express sincere gratitude for their liberation and have continually honored that gift of freedom by remembrances, installing statues, plaques, and monuments in honor of the soldiers who fought to free their towns. Periers citizens extend gracious hospitality to American visitors in their homes. They place American and French flags on the grave markers of 90th Division soldiers at the American cemetery at Omaha Beach every D-Day. The Levaufre family and other citizens of Periers have established the Normandy 44 Association which has the mission of continuing the remembrance of the sacrifices of American soldiers and to provide assistance to veterans and their families who visit the area. They are also in support of a continuing relationship with the citizens of Bethany Beach and the surrounding area to promote friendship and understanding.



The Levaufre family has visited the Cowells in South Bethany many times and Christian named his sailboat “Bethany” in honor of his fondness for this area of the US. George and Barbara Junkin gave the visitors a tour of South Bethany canals and the Assawoman areas on their pontoon boat. The town of Bethany Beach also arranged for a private tour of Ft. Miles because of the interest of the group in WWII. The rainy day on the 18th kept the group from the beach but a visit to the Discover Sea Shipwreck Museum resulted in Dale Clifton's offer of a swallow from his bottle of 1730 rum to Mayor

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South Bethany Historical Society by Mary Suazo

The South Bethany Historical Society is beginning its second year of operation and is recruiting new members. The purpose of the Society is to research and preserve the history of the area. Presently members are interviewing some of the elderly residents and recording their thoughts on South Bethany in the early days. In addition, members are researching historical data and collecting memorabilia such as old maps, pictures, and articles.

This is the first attempt to record the history of the South Bethany area. There is much work to be done in collecting, recording and preserving this historical data. We ask community members to join us in this effort. We need volunteers to help with conducting and recording interviews, and in researching and preserving historical documents. We plan to put some of the interviews on the Town's website and eventually publish a book with them.

The Historical Society meets the second Friday of every month at 10:00a.m. at the Town Hall. Even if you can't attend all the monthly meetings we ask that you join us and give some of your time to this community effort. If interested, you can contact Mary Suazo on 703 963-6663 or Dee Burbage on 302 539-3653, ext. 218.

A Trail Along the Canal by Bob Ehemann, DNREC, Outdoor Recreation Planner

State Park staff is working with the Towns of Ocean View, Bethany Beach, South Bethany and the communities of Sea Colony, Salt Pond, Ocean Way Estates, Waterside, Collins Park and Bahamas Beach Cottages to create a Trail Concept plan along the Assawoman Canal. This Working Group identified the need for bicycle and pedestrian facilities to serve the growing population. Safe, off-road facilities would provide recreational opportunities and alternative transportation modes easing access among the communities. The Trail Concept plan is the first step in developing the canal as the backbone of the local system of trails and pathways. Public workshops were held in the fall of 2009 to gauge the public's interest and identify concerns for a trail along the canal. The Concept plan is being drafted for upcoming review and public comment.

SBPOA Telephone Directory

The SBPOA Telephone Directory will be published in Spring, 2011. We would like to include ads in the Directory that represent the merchants that members of the South Bethany community frequent. We also want to include tradesmen that our community members have used and endorse. If anyone would like to send in names of merchants/vendors so that members of the Directory Committee can contact them for the purpose of soliciting an ad, please email us at chriskate@verizon.net or call me at 302-537-9936. We appreciate any feedback in our effort to produce a useful publication. Thank you very much.

Christine Keefe
John Stefani
SBPOA Directory Committee

Treasurer's Report			
5/31/2010 to 8/23/2010			
Balance	5/31/2010		\$36,212
Income			
	Bull Roast tickets		314
	Dues		2456
	Apparel		297
	Interest		8
Total Income			3075
Expenses			
	SB Apparel		1093
	Fire Dept		500
	Bull Roast		6867
	Inland Bay		500
	Lifeguard Competition		500
	Lifeguard of the Year		200
	Neighborhood Watch		213
	Newsletter		254
	Supplies		132
Total Expenses			10,259
Balance	8/23/2010		\$29,028
834 Members			

Delaware Online Article of interest to South Bethany Follow the links

Delaware beaches: Bethany, S. Bethany to get \$8M in replenishing sand

<http://www.delawareonline.com/article/20100910/NEWS02/9100333/1006/NEWS/Beaches-to-get-replenishing-sand?GID=hVZSwvXDw6Nqj/EjK3kOEAjMnUJuBT0sXXwoHpes72I%3D>

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.

SBPOA DATES

DATE	Weekday	TIME	EVENT
September 4,5,6, 2010	Sat, Sun, Mon	Labor Day Weekend	Distribute Neighborhood Watch Material
September 24, 2010	Friday		Publish Fall Shore Lines
December 8, 2010	Wednesday	Noon	Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
December 17, 2010	Friday		Publish Winter Shore Lines
February 12, 2011	Saturday	10:00 AM	SBPOA Membership Meeting (#3) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Establish the dues for the following year. ➤ Appoint Nominating Committee
February 18, 2011	Friday		Publish Spring Shore Lines
May 7, 2011	Saturday	10:00 AM	SBPOA Membership Meeting (#4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meet the Town Election Candidates ➤ President's Report & Adopt Annual Budget
May 11, 2011	Wednesday	6:30 PM	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner
May 28 & 29, 2011	Sat. & Sun.	All Day	SBPOA Yard Sale
May 28,2011	Saturday	9 AM to 3 PM	Town Election
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
June 24, 2011	Friday		Publish Summer Shore Lines

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Shore Lines

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