

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

South Bethany Property Owners,

The weather certainly turned *cold* quickly! Walking Coco this morning, I noticed the wetlands are freezing!

I hope you have winterized your place if you are not here all the time. Dan Cowell and his Neighborhood Watch walkers are outside in the cold vigilantly watching your houses. We will be enticing them to keep up the good work by holding our appreciation luncheon on Wednesday, December 8, at the Bistro at Bear Trap.

The rest of your SBPOA volunteers are also busy during the winter months. Christine Keefe and her committee have been getting the advertisers for the new telephone directory. The expected publication date is April, so I will be asking you to submit your 2011-12 applications early this year. We need your most current information to list in the directory, and it is easier to obtain the information from the application form rather than sending out two (2) separate forms. The application will be sent out in the February newsletter with a return deadline of March 15.

Carol and Todd Stevenson are planning the Bull Roast that will be held on Saturday, June 4. They are looking into vendors for food. We will be asking for volunteers to help set up the tables and chairs. I am hopeful that we will be able to put many of the tables under the trees in the Richard Hall Memorial Park. If you remember, last year it was extremely hot in the open parking lot. Also, if we can free up the parking lot, people will be able to actually use it for parking!

I'm also working for the Town Beautification Committee, heading the Adopt-A-Canal-End/Adopt-A-Road-End program with Dennis Roberts. I promised the Committee I would put in a plug for the program in our newsletter, so look for the article in this edition.

Well, I'm off to buy my Christmas presents for the Neighborhood Watch walkers! If you need any last minute gift ideas, don't forget our South Bethany merchandise on sale at McCabe's! Have a wonderful and safe holiday and hope to see you soon!

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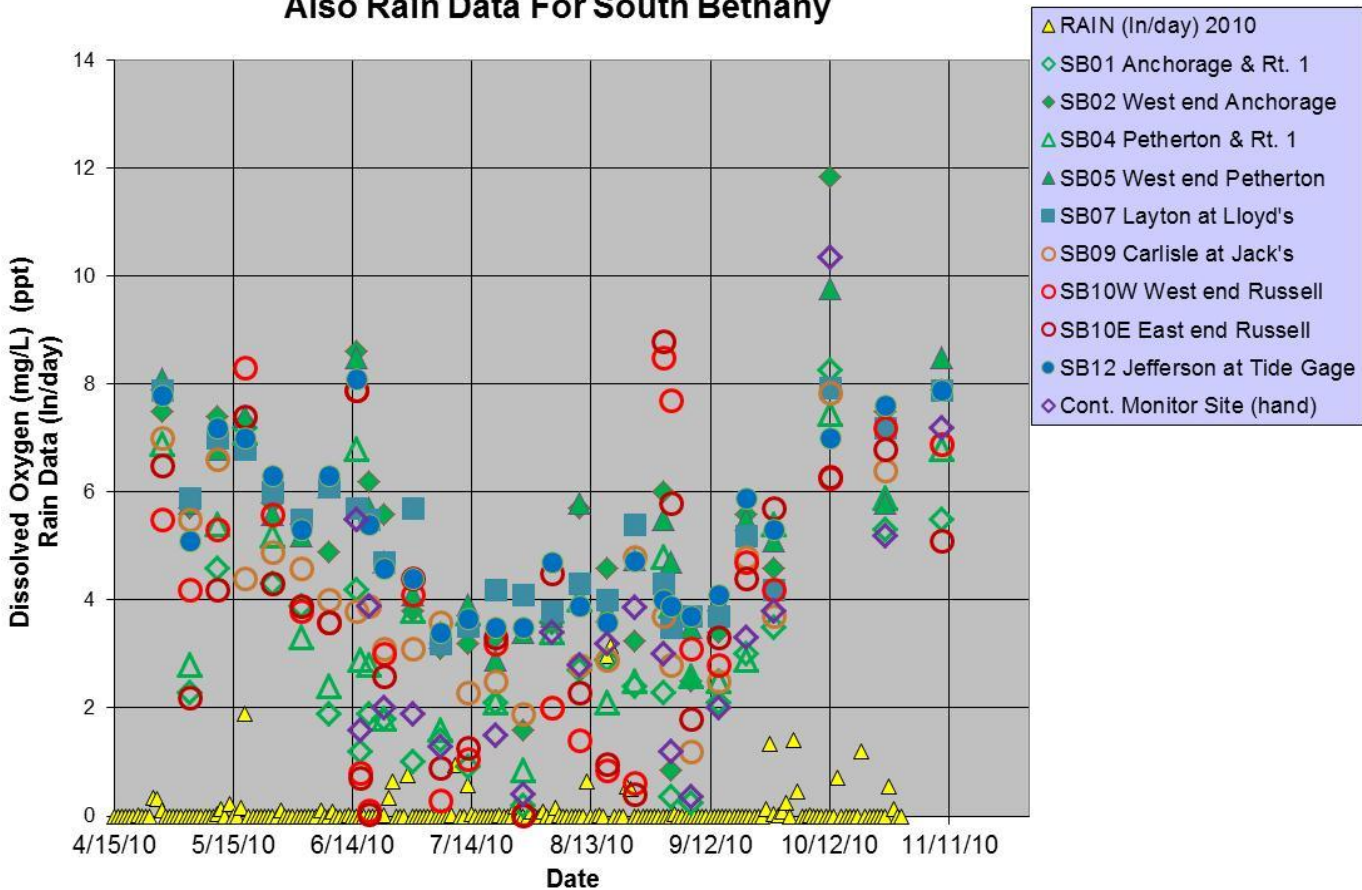
**South Bethany's Beach Replenishment** by Melvin A. Cusick, Town Manager

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**Town of South Bethany Canal Water Quality Update** by George Junkin

**Water Quality Monitoring** – I would like to express my appreciation and thanks to Dave Wilson and his crew of Water Quality Monitors (Sue Callaway, Glenn Dallas, Dick Oliver, Bryant Hopkins, and Sue Wilson). The results from their dissolved oxygen measurements are shown below.

**DO, Ten Locations In South Bethany,  
Also Rain Data For South Bethany**



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When the dissolved oxygen (DO) level is lower than 4 parts per thousand the fish and other marine creatures start looking for other places so that they can breathe. As can be seen from the chart the fish do not like it in our canals in the June through August time frame. The two main reasons for lower dissolved oxygen are the higher temperatures (at higher temperatures the water cannot hold as much oxygen) and higher nutrient content (nitrogen and phosphorous). The higher nutrient content feeds algae which, although algae creates oxygen by photosynthesis during periods of sunshine, consumes almost all the oxygen at night at locations farthest away from the Little Assawoman Bay. Storm water causes nutrients from air deposition, fertilizers, animal excrement and other sources to flow into our canals thus supporting too much algae growth.

### **South Bethany's Beautification Committee** by Sue Callaway

The town's Beautification Committee has recently introduced the "Adopt-A-Canal and Adopt-A-Road End" program that presents South Bethany property owners with an opportunity to get involved and help beautify our town. The new initiative is chaired by Kathy Jankowski and Dennis Roberts, who along with the Committee, are seeking volunteers to adopt a canal or road end. For questions or to volunteer contact Kathy Jankowski or Dennis Roberts [atdroberts107@gmail.com](mailto:atdroberts107@gmail.com).

### **South Bethany Property Owners Directory**

The SBPOA will be publishing the bi-annual South Bethany Telephone Directory and Buyers Guide in the Spring of 2011.

In order to provide the most up-to-date information for each resident, we will be mailing out a form in mid-February asking for property owner name(s), address, and the contact number that each property owner wishes to have listed in this Directory. We will need to have all of the forms returned by mid-March in order to meet our publication deadline.

This year we have had strong support from our local small business people in South Bethany and the surrounding area. The revenues generated from the ads that they place in the Buyers Guide section of the Directory make the publication possible. We appreciate their support of our community and encourage all of our residents and their guests to consider these merchants and trades people when selecting goods and services locally.

### **Links of Interest**

**Assawoman Canal Dredging:** <http://www.delmarvanow.com/article/20101206/DW01/101206006/ENVIRONMENT-Assawoman-Canal-dredging-at-last-completed>

**South Bethany Beautification:** <http://www.udel.edu/udaily/2011/nov/bethany-landscape-environment110210.html>

Note from the editor: If you have any feedback or suggestions for the newsletter, please send them to me at my email:

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### **Treasurer's Report 8/23/2010 to 12/5/2010**

**12/7/2010**

|                       |                 |               |
|-----------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Balance</b>        | 8/23/2010       | 29,028        |
| <b>Income</b>         |                 |               |
|                       | Dues            | 200           |
|                       | Directory       | 15,315        |
|                       | Apparel         | 82            |
|                       | Interest        | 47            |
| <b>Total Income</b>   |                 | <b>15,644</b> |
| <b>Expenses</b>       |                 |               |
|                       | PO Rental       | 56            |
|                       | Office Supplies | 155           |
|                       | SB Apparel      | 630           |
|                       | Volunteer       |               |
|                       | Luncheon        | 200           |
|                       | Newsletter      | 60            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b> |                 | <b>1,101</b>  |
| <b>Balance</b>        | 12/7/2010       | <b>43,571</b> |
| <b>844 Members</b>    |                 |               |

**SBPOA DATES**

| DATE              | Weekday     | TIME         | EVENT   |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------|---|
| 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"> <li>➤ Establish the dues for the following year.</li> <li>➤ Appoint Nominating Committee</li> </ul>          |
| February 18, 2011 | Friday      |              | Publish Spring Shore Lines  |
| March 15, 2011    |             |              | DEADLINE FOR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR INCLUSION IN DIRECTORY   |
| May 7, 2011       | 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 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"> <li>➤ Nomination and Election of Officers</li> <li>➤ Deadline for SBPOA membership sign-up</li> </ul> |
| June 24, 2011     | Friday      |              | Publish Summer Shore Lines  |



## TAKING CARE OF YOUR LAWN

### LAWN CARE IN SOUTH BETHANY HAS A MAJOR IMPACT ON THE WATER QUALITY IN OUR CANALS!

**Our Town's goal is to reduce the pollutants running into the canals  
We can only do that with your help.**

Homeowners who live on the water are usually not aware that their actions toward landscape management may actually be harming aquatic life. In our community, this damage can occur not only in our canals but downstream in our bays as well.

Knowing that we all care about our canals and bays as a valuable shared asset that are important to our property values and esthetic enjoyment, we are distributing this fact sheet to the community so that we can work together to protect our canals and bays.

#### ***A 6 Step Plan for doing your part for 'fishable, swimmable' Bays***

1. Create a 6-foot wide 'no-mow' zone of low-maintenance plants between your lawn and the canal to slow down and absorb pollutants before they run into the canal.
2. For low maintenance, and to attract native birds and butterflies, use native plants in your buffer. They are adapted to our soils, rainfall, and climate so should not require water or fertilizer once they are established.
3. Because our canals are poorly flushed and already polluted, the use of chemical fertilizers is harmful to our canals. If you must use fertilizer, use organic compost and don't apply it within 10-feet of the canal except into the holes for new plantings in your buffer. The use of compost as fertilizer can also improve soil health including water retention capacity. Why do we ask this? Fertilizer in the water makes algae grow; excessive algae creates lower oxygen levels in the water and can cause fish kills.
4. If you use a lawn service, it is your responsibility to make sure they know town rules that protect our canals; 'no property owner shall permit or cause any cuttings or clippings from vegetation to be dropped, blown, or otherwise deposited into the canals.'
5. Sweep grass clippings, yard debris, and fertilizer residue, if used, off paved surfaces like driveways, sidewalks and patios so they aren't washed into storm drains and carried into the canals during the next rain storm.
6. 'Recycle' the grass clippings that are on your lawn by not collecting them. Grass clippings contain nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium, and smaller amounts of other essential plant nutrients; Basically, a free 4-1-3 fertilizer. When left on the lawn, these nutrients are eventually returned to the soil.

**Thanks for your help in making our water cleaner for all of us.**



**SOUTH BETHANY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE  
INTRODUCES  
ADOPT-A-CANAL END & ADOPT-A-ROAD END PROGRAM**

**Program Goals**

- Help improve South Bethany canal water quality;
- Beautify and showcase the network of canals that intertwine our neighborhood;
- Organize the precedent set by some property owners who currently maintain canal ends and expand to include all canal ends and road ends; and
- Promote and encourage community involvement and support.



**Benefits of the Adopt Program**

- Plantings will help improve the water quality in canals;
- Plantings will enhance beautification of canals that connect our community and are seen by all who walk, bike and drive;
- Neighbors will work together to create and maintain the areas and engage in a community effort similar to the spring dune grass planting and other Delaware town programs;
- Canal ends and road ends will be more inviting for residents and guests for crabbing, fishing, photography, or just relaxing;
- Most costs will be assumed by those who adopt;
- Town personnel and property owners will work together; and
- Enhanced appearance of canal and road ends will help improve property values.

**Guidelines for Adoption**

- Be respectful of all property owners--
- Interested parties shall seek input and comments from adjacent neighbors;
- Design to maximize water view;
- Incorporate plantings suggested by the Beautification Committee that promote water quality and include indigenous plants;
- Be mindful of safety signs, utilities, and vehicular/pedestrian safety;
- Agree to maintain and provide funding for plants, mulch, etc.; and
- Seek guidance and approval from the Beautification Committee regarding any major cutting or removal tasks and associated costs.

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**Process**

1. Talk with your neighbors about your ideas and enlist their interest and help;
2. Inform Beautification Committee of your interest and intentions;
3. Review the guidelines and suggested plantings provided by the Beautification Committee;
4. Schedule site visit with Beautification Committee ;
5. Submit Proposed Plan to Beautification Committee;
6. File, with the Beautification Committee, your plan and "agreement" to maintain area for a minimum of one year; and
7. Participate in the "Town Beautification Competition" to be sponsored by the Beautification Committee each summer.