



**SOUTH BETHANY COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
ADOPT-A-CANAL/ROAD-END PROGRAM
FALL 2015 UPDATE**

South Bethany's Community Enhancement Committee (CEC), chaired by Councilwoman Sue Callaway, is pleased to report that since 2011, the Adopt-A-Canal/Road-End program has grown from 6 to 13 to 22 to 26 to 31 adopted gardens and recently sponsored its **2015 5th Annual Beauty Contest**. Each year, residents have the opportunity to visit the Canal Ends or view photographs of each adopted Canal End and vote online at www.southbethany.org.

- **1st PLACE WINNER** was the Road End located on W. 10th Street, adopted by Pat and Frank Weisgerber;
- **2nd PLACE WINNER** was the first Canal End located on Bayshore Drive and adopted by Todd and Carole Stevenson and Dick and Maryanne Schmitt; and
- **3rd PLACE WINNER**, was the Canal End at the corner of Canal Drive and Russell Road, adopted by Dennis and Sandi Roberts.

Congratulations to these volunteers and many thanks to Lord's Landscaping for contributing additional rewards this year: a **\$200** gift certificate to the winner, a **\$100** gift certificate to 2nd place, and a **\$50** gift certificate to 3rd place. We also thank all residents who demonstrated their support for the program by casting more than 300 votes in the contest!

Under the leadership of Adopt Program members Sue Callaway, Bobbe Stephan, Carol Stevenson, and Pat Wesigerber, the CEC proudly announces that since our 2014 *Adopt Update*, a total of 31 canal/Road Ends have completed the adoption process. The CEC continues to focus on finding adopters for those on the "Priority A-List." "Wandering Weeders," a group of volunteers who help weed some of the landscaped ends continue to provide much-needed support. Neighbors continue to work together to plan, develop and maintain the adopted gardens. Some adopters have engaged a landscaper and others just rolled up their sleeves and set to work from start to finish! These successes are inspiring others to join the effort to beautify and showcase our network of canals that intertwine our community. This year we designed a new Adopt Logo and new Adopt Signs identify each of the adopted ends. We invite you to visit the following canal/Road End gardens and see the difference! **REMEMBER:** *You do not have to live near or adjacent to the Canal or Road End to adopt it!*

Below is a 2015 snap shot view of our 31 adopted canal/Road End gardens. Those adoptions labeled **Renewed Adopters**® indicate volunteer adopters who have committed to maintain their canal/Road End gardens for another 2 years!

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!!

#1 - Canal End on Peterson Drive - Renewed Adopters® Adopted in 2011 by John and Pam Eckenrode who reside on Elizabeth Way, the Eckenrodes were our first adopters to join the program who did not live near or adjacent to the Canal End! Thank you for your support!



BEFORE ADOPTION



SUMMER 2015

#2 - Canal End at the Corner of Canal Drive and Russell Road - Adopted by Sandi and Dennis Roberts and Joe and Connie Citro in 2011 - "2011 1st Annual Beauty Contest" Winner - Renewed Adopters® The Roberts have done a great job in maintaining this very visible Canal End - and they are always working to improve it! Many drivers, walkers and bikers get to enjoy this enhanced garden every day! *Congratulations on becoming the 2015 3rd Place Winners!*



SUMMER 2011



SUMMER 2015



#3 - Last Road End on Bayshore Drive: Adopted by Bayshore Drive homeowners Sharon and Tony Nonn in 2011. With help and support from their neighbors the Callaways, today it is enjoyed by many as a quiet retreat. *Renewed Adopters* @ Tony and Sharon take advantage of their professional landscaping experience to continue to maintain this well-groomed.



SUMMER 2011 - BEFORE ADOPTION



SUMMER 2015

#4 - Canal End Fence Area along the Anchorage Forebay on Route 1: Originally adopted by Kent and Bobbe Stephan, the CEC chose this area as its 2015 Earth Day adoption. The Stephans help maintain this revitalized area. In partnership with the Center for Inland Bays, a new Community Education sign provides information about the impact of stormwater runoff on our canal water quality. Out for a walk? Stop by and read the sign and view the beautiful garden!



SUMMER 2011



SUMMER 2015

#5 - Canal End between W. 3rd and 4th Streets along Canal Road: Adopted by Kathy Jankowski and Rob Youngs in 2011 with lots of neighbors! *Renewed Adopters* @ Kathy and Rob set a great example of getting neighbors involved with the adopt program. With the wetlands in the background, the end result is worth visiting next time you drive, walk or bike down Canal Drive!



INITIAL WORK IN 2011



SUMMER 2015

#6 - Road End at W.11th Street: Adopted by Barbara and John Sears in 2011- *Renewed Adopters* @. The neighborhood group included the Soradys, the Hendrix's and the Longs that planned their design around an old sea caldron that has been in that very same location for years! It's a very enjoyable place now to sit and relax, watch the boats and kayaks go by and enjoy your pets!



BEFORE ADOPTION - 2011



SUMMER 2015

#7 - Road End at W.8th Street: Adopted by Lisa and Conrad Schmidt in 2011 - *Renewed Adopters* @ The Schmidts hired Lord's Landscaping to complete their design and install an irrigation system. As seasonal weekend South Bethany homeowners, they do not have to worry about watering!



BEFORE ADOPTION 2011



SUMMER 2015

#8 - Canal End Between W. 7th and W.8th Street: Formally adopted by Flo and Ron Smith in 2011 - *Renewed Adopters* @ The Smiths have been faithfully taking care of this Canal End for several years. We appreciate their commitment to maintaining this Canal End!



SUMMER 2011



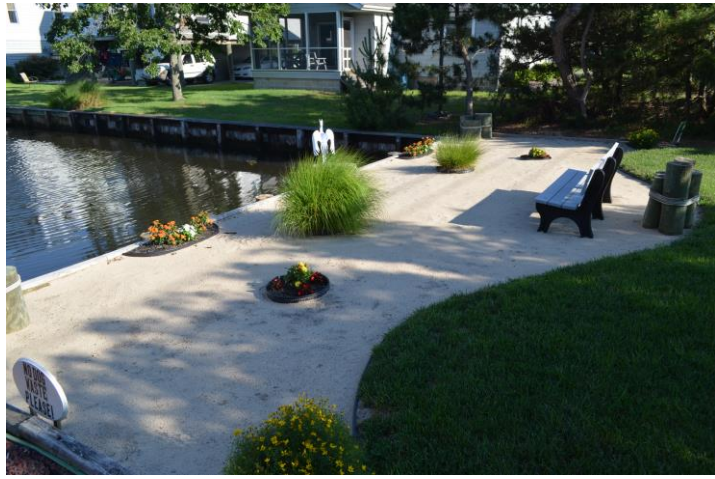
SUMMER 2015

#9 - Canal End Between Sussex and Tern: Adopted by Bryant and Olivia Elrod in 2011 - *Renewed Adopters* @ Bryant Elrod is an exceptional gardener who has created a unique and most eye-catching garden. The Elrods were the winners of the "2012 2nd Annual Adopt Beauty Contest". Next time you are walking along the Route 1 pedestrian walkway - stop by this Canal End, you may even meet Bryant fine-tuning his work of art!





BEFORE ADOPTION - 2011



SUMMER 2015

#10 - Road End at Godwin Place: Adopted by Godwin Place homeowners Michael and Jennifer Lee in 2012. *Renewed Adopters @* After the Town removed the overgrown juniper bushes, the Lees set to work in the spring 2012. Their design demonstrates that each adopted Canal End can have its own unique look - they have added a bench, bird feeder and planters.



SUMMER 2012



SUMMER 2015

#11 - Canal End Between Petherton and Brandwine along Route 1: Adopted by Pat Voveris in 2012 - Ocean Drive resident Pat Voveris took a keen interest in adopting a Canal End. While walking along our Route 1 Pedestrian path, visit this Canal End garden and enjoy the view. This Canal End is now maintained by the "Wandering Weeders" volunteers.



Initial Planting 2012

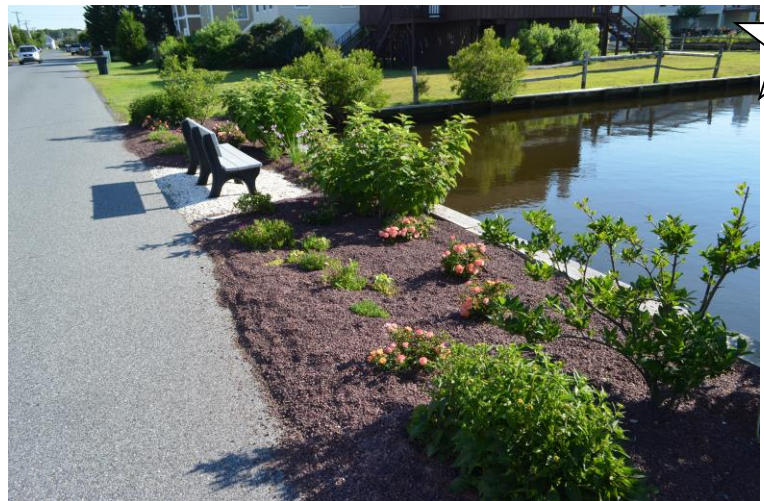


SUMMER 2015

#12 – First Canal End on the right side of Bayshore Drive: Adopted by Carol and Todd Stevenson with help from the Schmitts and Callaways in 2012 – *Renewed Adopters @* After the Town removed the overgrown junipers, the Stevensons have done an awesome job of leading the maintenance with lots of help from their faithful neighbors Dick and Maryanne. Sitting on the bench enjoying the view is now a regular occurrence for many neighbors and visitors. This Canal End is the winner of the "2013 3rd Annual Contest," the 2nd Place Winner in the 2014 4th Annual Contest, and the 2nd Place Winner in the 2015 5th Annual Adopt Contest!



SB MAINTENANCE AUGERING HELP! - 2012



SUMMER 2015

#13 – Canal End Between W. 4th and W. 5th along Canal Road: Adopted by Lynn and Jerry Masiello in 2012 this Canal End is another great example of how neighbors - the Golians, Nagys, Cardonis and Diddens - working together can really make a positive change! *Renewed Adopters @* Like several other Canal End adopters, they installed a soaker hose system to facilitate watering!



BEFORE ADOPTION IN 2012



SUMMER 2015

#14 - Route 1 Canal End between Henlopen Dr. and New Castle Dr: This Canal End was the second to be adopted by oceanside resident Pat Voveris in the spring 2013. Pat's landscaping crew turned this overgrown Canal End into a visual asset. Neighbor Anita Dayton provided the necessary watering support! This Canal End is now maintained by the "Wandering Weeders" volunteers!



BEFORE ADOPTION



SUMMER 2015

#15 - First Road End on Bayshore Dr: This Road End was adopted in Spring 2013 by Bill and Lisa Lenz. *Renewed Adopters @* After the Town removed the overgrown junipers, their vision transformed this Road End. With watering help from neighbors Ellen and Quentin Walsh, it is now a welcoming place to sit and enjoy quiet time on a bench that was never used before the renovation! The Lenz's continue to maintain and enhance their original design!



**2013 ADOPTION GIVES NEW LIFE TO A
BENCH HIDDEN BY OVERGROWN JUNNIPERS**



SUMMER 2015

#16 - First Canal End along York Road: In partnership with the Public Works Department, the Community Enhancement Committee adopted this Canal End as its 2013 Earth Day Project. After the junipers were removed, CEC members joined together to design and plant the landscaping. A good time was had by all! This Canal End is now maintained by volunteers Mike and Leigh Dwyer.



BEFORE ADOPTION 2013



SUMMER 2015

#17 - Road End on Kent Place: Tammy and Pete Werner took the lead on adopting the Road End on Kent Place. With help from their neighbors the Buchanans, this is another overgrown area that is now a transformed sanctuary for sitting and enjoying the view! *Renewed Adopters @*



**THE JUNNIPERS ARE REMOVED
TRANSFORMATION BEGINS - SUMMER 2013**



SUMMER 2015

#18 - Canal End between Godwin Place and Kent Place: Indian River High School Student and Eagle Scout Tristan Smyth adopted this Canal End in 2013 as his community service project requirement for his Eagle Scout badge. Tristan worked hard to prepare this rugged area for landscaping. His grandfather made the bench which now resides in this lovely setting off the Route 1 Pedestrian path. This Canal End is now maintained by the "Wandering Weeders" volunteers as Tristan is in college now!

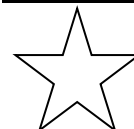


**JUNNIPERS AND ROOTS REMOVED
SPRING 2014**



SUMMER 2015

#19 - Canal End on York Road between Bristol and Victoria Roads: This beautifully landscaped Canal End is owned by Phil and Cicily Icangelo. With a few exceptions, the canal and Road Ends behind York Beach Mall are actually owned by property owners. The Icangelos asked to be part of the Adopt Program and we welcomed them on-board! This canal end is the 1st PLACE WINNER in the 2014 4th Annual Adopt Contest! *Renewed Adopters @*





SUMMER 2013



SUMMER 2015

#20 - Canal End on Canal Dr. between W. 3rd St. and W. 2nd St: Lori and Frank Cicero adopted this Canal End in late summer 2013 - just in time for the 2013 Adopt Contest and they placed in the top five! *Renewed Adopters* @



BEFORE ADOPTION



SUMMER 2015

#21 - Canal End on Canal Road between W. 5th St. and W. 6th St: After the Town removed some invasive junipers, Alan and Caroline Raistrick took the lead in organizing other neighbors who joined together and created a brand new look for this Canal End in September 2013. Great teamwork and great design! Canal Drive walkers and cyclists enjoy these changes! *Renewed Adopters* @



FALL 2013



SUMMER 2015

#22 – Canal End on Canal Road between W. 6th and W. 7th St: Betty and Dick Dubreuil adopted this Canal End prior to their summer departure for Colorado! Upon their fall return, they have turned a mundane area into a well-landscaped Canal End for all to enjoy! This has been fun to watch grow and blossom. *Renewed Adopters @*



FALL 2013



SUMMER 2015

#23 – Road End on Sussex Place: *Renewed Adopters @*

Long time visitors but now year-round residents Ann and Don Boteler have adopted this Road End on Sussex Place. After the Town removed the invasive junipers, the new landscaping design revealed a beautiful holly tree lurking behind them for years! The Road End improvement compliments the lovely landscaping found on Sussex Place properties.



BEFORE ADOPTION 2013



SUMMER 2015

#24 - Petherton Road End: Renewed Adopters @

Cindy Scruggs took on the challenge of improving the Petherton Road End in 2014. Cindy added a bench and created a tranquil spot for resting, reading, chatting or just enjoying the view!



SUMMER 2015

#25 - W. 7th Street Road End: Renewed Adopters @

New homeowner on South Anchorage Drive, Scott Weitz adopted the Road End across the canal that he viewed from his back porch! He created a much-improved view for his family and guests as well as many others in South Bethany!



BEFORE ADOPTION 2014



SUMMER 2015

#26 - Canal End on Peterson Drive Closest to Anchorage: In partnership with the Public Works Department, the CEC adopted this Canal End as its 2014 Earth Day Project. After the junipers were removed, CEC members and Public Works joined together to design and plant the landscaping. A good time was had by all! This Canal End is maintained by volunteer Pat Weisgerber.



BEFORE ADOPTION 2013



SUMMER 2015

#27 - Canal End between Petherton Drive and the Anchorage Forebay area: This Canal End was adopted by Garnet and Thomas Timbario in early 2015. Garnet selected this one as it already had a memorial bench placed there in honor of her father. Garnet worked very closely with Lord's Landscaping who created a truly creative design - making it a much more desirable area to sit and relax. In addition, Garnet is the first adopter to add solar lights within the garden!



ADOPTION BEGINS - MARCH, 2015



SUMMER 2015

#28 - Canal End Between New Castle Drive and Layton Drive: Led by Kathy Jankowski, a group of South Bethany friends and neighbors joined together, contributed funds and adopted this Canal End in honor of Sue Callaway's Mom - Kitty Lehman - who passed away suddenly on December 31, 2014. Their collaborative efforts yielded an amazing design and turned a mundane area into a stunning landscaped garden and retreat. This truly is an exemplary illustration of community support! With sincere appreciation, Sue is honored to maintain this adoption.



BEFORE ADOPTION 2015



SUMMER 2015

#29 - Canal End Between Layton Drive and Godwin Place: This adoption marks the 3rd Canal End adopted by Pat Voveris. The CEC greatly appreciates her commitment to enhancing our Town and specifically the canal ends along Route 1 and our pedestrian walkway. Look for Pat's signature white heron located in each of her adopted Canal Ends!



BEFORE ADOPTION 2015



SUMMER 2015

#30 - Road End at the end of Henlopen Drive: Carol and Todd Stevenson adopted their 2nd Canal End when they moved from Bayshore Drive to Henlopen Drive in 2014. Carol's commitment to the Adoption Program motivated her to make an improvement on her "new" street! So in 2015, she garnered funding and watering support and a new bench from Henlopen neighbors, the Cohens, the Roberts and the Conways, - all necessary ingredients in creating a successful adoption!



BEFORE ADOPTION 2015



SUMMER 2015

#31 - Road End at the end of W. 10th Street: In 2014, Pat Weisgerber agreed to take on the challenge of adopting the Road End on W. 10th Street. This Road End was in dire need of a makeover! With determination and commitment, Pat created an outstanding design, and solicited the help and support of W. 10th Street and other neighbors, the Public Works staff and of course her husband Frank who built the arbor. Under Pat's leadership and sweat equity, the transformation was incredibly successful and the Road End was the 1st PLACE WINNER in the 2015 5th Annual Adopt Contest!





BEFORE ADOPTION 2014



CEC Members Gathered to Help with the Planting



Pat transported bricks from her house to the End!



SUMMER 2015



From L. to R. 1st row, Sue Callaway, CEC Chair; Pat Weisberger 2015 1st Place Winner; Carol Stevenson, 2nd Place Winner; and Sandi Roberts 3rd Place Winner; 2nd Row, Don Chrobot, Public Works; Frank Weisgerber; and Cody Kuhnert, Lord's Landscaping

Interested in Learning More or Adopting one of South Bethany's Canal/Road Ends that have not yet been adopted? Visit: www.southbethany.org - Under the Committees section on the left column of the Home Page, Click on Community Enhancement Committee.

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