



**SOUTH BETHANY BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE
ADOPT-A-CANAL END & ADOPT-A-ROAD END PROGRAM
JULY 2011 UPDATE**

The South Bethany's Beautification Committee, chaired by Councilwoman Sue Callaway, is pleased to report that the Adopt-A-Canal End & Adopt-A-Road-End program is well underway. Under the leadership of Adopt Program leaders Kathy Jankowski, Dennis Roberts and Sharon Nonn, the Committee proudly announces that 6 canal/road ends have completed the adoption process and are ready for viewing and 3 other canal/road ends are in various stages of the adoption process! Neighbors are working together to plan, develop and maintain the adopted areas. Some adopters have engaged the help of a landscaper and others just rolled up their sleeves and set to work from start to finish! These initial successes are inspiring others to join the effort to beautify and showcase the network of canals that intertwine our community. We invite you to visit the following canal/road ends and see the difference! You don't have to live at the end of the canal or road to adopt it!!!!

Application #1 - Canal End on Peterson Avenue - Adopted by John and Pam Eckenrode (who live on Elizabeth Way) with assistance from neighbors Diann and Ed Nazarian and Vanette Fowler



Before Adoption

Adopt leaders John and Pam Eckenrode are joined by neighbors Vinnette Fowler and Diann and Ed Nazarian, and Adopt Leader Kathy Jankowski

QUOTE - "Before landscaping, our adopted canal end was choked with overgrowth which blocked water views and the yew root structure was known to eventually damage the wall. Since we do not live next to the canal end, we are so grateful that Vinnette Fowler and Diann and Ed Nazarian are covering the watering of our new plants. Through involvement in this small project we have improved our community and have become acquainted with neighbors who we otherwise would not have met."

Application #2--Canal End at the Corner of Canal Drive and Russell Road - Adopted by Sandi and Dennis Roberts and Joe and Connie Citro



Adopt Leader Kathy Jankowski joins Adopters Sandi and Dennis Roberts

Dennis and Sandi Roberts have taken their gardening skills across the street from their beautifully landscaped home and have created a work of living art at the Canal Road Canal End. Supported by their neighbors Joe and Connie Citro, they are all very proud of the results.

QUOTE- Sandi Roberts, "So many neighbors have stopped us to say how beautiful it looks and thank us for providing this community service."

Application #3--Bayshore Drive "Road End": Adopted by Sharon and Tony Nonn with help and support from their neighbors the Callaways, Burns, Bissons, Messinas, Trelenbergs and Nowells.



Tony Nonn Begins the Work



Proud Adopters Sharon and Tony Nonn

The Bayshore Drive Road End was overgrown and in need of sprucing up. Adopters Sharon and Tony Nonn made excellent use of their landscaping expertise and rolled up their sleeves and set to work! They were joined by Sue and Robbie Callaway who gladly followed orders, trimmed trees and bushes, pulled weeds and helped plant new plants and reposition existing plants. Other neighbors supported the effort by funding the new red stones and providing a new hose and water use to make sure the plants survive. A great team effort!

QUOTE - Sharon Nonn, "When boaters pass by they give us a "thumbs up" and now more people are sitting on the bench enjoying the gorgeous view."

**Application #4--"Canal End" Fence Area Along the Anchorage Forebay on Route 1:
Adopted by Kent and Bobbe Stephan**



Kathy Jankowski congratulates Kent and Bobbe Stephan on planting such beautiful climbing yellow roses that all town residents and visitors can enjoy! Kent and Bobbe are regular walkers along the Route 1 walking path and are happy to have helped improve the view.

QUOTE - Kent Stephan states, "We are happy to give back to the community we love."

**Application #5--Canal End between W. 3rd and 4th Streets - Adopted by Kathy
Jankowski and Rob Youngs**

Inspired by other successes, Adopt leader Kathy Jankowski recruited multiple neighbors and during a "planning party," they set to work designing and researching what would work best in their canal end that faces gorgeous wetlands. They knew they wanted to make it inviting for others to sit on the canal bench and enjoy the view. After consulting with the Director of Bethany's Nature Center and discussing options with various nurseries, neighbor Jeanne Raymos identified several native perennials for their beautification project using the purple lovegrass as a border to frame an array of colorful flowers. Jeanne set to work locating and ordering the plants the group decided upon. The neighbors have generously committed their time, effort and resources and held a "planting party" on July 2nd.

QUOTE - Kathy Jankowski says, "Through this project, I have gotten to know all of my neighbors so much better."



The neighbors join together to plant their canal end

Adoptees take a break for a photo op!

Application #6--Road End at W.11th Street - Adopted by Barbara and John Sears

Barbara and John Sears led a group of neighbors to adopt their road end and their efforts have resulted in a remarkable transformation! Their project was truly a collaborative project that involved gathering multiple resources, including a bench from the town. Perhaps one of the really "neat" features of their design was the use of an old sea caldron that has been making its home on the road end for a number of years. History tells us that a naval resident who was the original owner of the Sears' home, placed the caldron in that spot. It is now filled with beautiful flowers and is resting comfortably under a large shade tree. Lord's Nursery provided the plants and as part of their contract with the Sears, extended the Sears' irrigation system to the road end for easy watering of the sod and plants.

QUOTE - Barbara proclaims "It truly was a "team effort. Thanks to everyone who has already donated to our "11th St. Beautification Project"—I'm very happy with the results!"



Proud Adopter Barbara Sears and neighbors Marybeth Sorady and Gene Hendrix and Adopt Leader Kathy Jankowski pose in front of the sea caldron and new bench.

Interested in Learning More or Adopting 1 of South Bethany's 39 Canal & Road Ends that have not yet been adopted? You don't have to live at the end of the canal or road to adopt it!!!!

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