

# TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY

## THE ZEPHYR

*Fall/Winter 2021 Newsletter*



Town Hall is opened to the public for business and we continue to offer the convenience and safety of the walk-up window. Staff is also available via telephone or email during normal business hours. There is no disruption in Police Department service.

### NEW FOR 2022

#### Changes to South Bethany's Municipal Election

An Act to amend the Town of South Bethany's municipal elections charter was approved in Legislative Council on June 15, 2021. The changes bring South Bethany's election procedures into compliance with Delaware Code, Title 15, Chapter 75, Municipal Elections, Subchapter IV and V.

Main changes/clarifications beginning in 2022:

- ♦ **Election Day** - The annual election will be held the **Second Saturday in May**, not Memorial Day weekend. Election day in 2022 is May 14.
- ♦ **Voter Qualifications** - You *must* qualify as one of the following:
  1. **Property Owner**. A property owner in the Town for a period of 90 consecutive days immediately preceding the date of the election. A property owner is a natural person who holds title of record or deed in his/her name or listed as a trustee to a fee simple estate, or who holds a life estate, to real property located within the corporate limits of the Town.
  2. **Resident**. A resident of the Town shall mean any natural person who has been physically residing within the Town corporate limits for at least thirty (30) days prior to any scheduled Town election, and who maintains residency within the Town on the date of election.
  3. **NOTE**: Trusts, Corporations, Partnerships and Limited Liability Companies (LLCs both general and limited) are artificial entities and are not considered natural persons; therefore, they cannot vote in Town elections.

The Town is still required to publicly notify residents of the Notice of Solicitation of Candidates, as well as the Notice of Election.

A full copy of the Charter amendment can be found on the Town website at <https://southbethany.delaware.gov>. Click on the Town Code Icon in the middle of the page and look under Charter.

Questions can be directed to Town Hall by calling (302) 539-3653.

#### Renovations Under Consideration for Town Hall

A proposed change to Town Hall is under review and consideration by Town Council.

At the Town Council workshop of August 26, 2021, Council voted to contract George, Miles & Buhr, LLC (GMB) to provide architectural designs and construction bid documents for the project.

The proposed project focuses on providing a more secure entrance to the employee offices, an enlarged lobby area with public restroom (required by Code), and small all-purpose meeting room and storage area that will be located off the Town Council meeting room. The proposed cost estimate for the project is \$272,274.61.

Town Manager Maureen Hartman has been working with the Department of Homeland Security to obtain grant monies that can be applied towards any security features. An allocation of \$15,000.00 has already been guaranteed and an additional \$25,000.00 is under review.

Once final plans are completed, they will be posted on the Town's website for review or property owners may call Town Hall to schedule an appointment to review the plans.

#### Beach Walkways

The last of the walkways will be under construction in spring 2022.

Surveyors have been given the approval to move forward with surveys at N. 2nd, S. 1st, S. 4th and Kewanee and Logan Streets. After completion of the surveys, bids will be requested and work will be underway in 2022.

S. 2nd, 5th, 6th, 9th, and Indian and Jamaica Streets were completed in 2021.

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# A Message from the Mayor



The summer of 2021 has passed and fall has finally arrived in South Bethany. We were fortunate to have had beautiful

summer weather that allowed our residents and visitors to enjoy our beach and other recreational activities. The fall weather has been spectacular allowing for an extended beach season.

Since the spring/summer Zephyr the Town Council continues to take action on the following items:

⇒ Completion of beach access walkways from the street to the toe of the dune. It is anticipated that all planned walkways will be completed by the summer of 2022.

⇒ Making improvements to the Town Hall building. Currently schematics have been created and architectural plans are in process. Please see the full article in this issue of the Zephyr.

⇒ Evaluate possible uses of the American Rescue Plan funds that have been provided to the Town by the Federal government. Over the next 2 years will receive approximately \$286,000 in ARPA funds.

⇒ Reviewing potential ways to improve our virtual meeting process. As a reminder all Town Council Meetings and Workshops may be attended in person and virtually. All agendas have the dial in number/instructions where you may listen to Town Council deliberations and participate virtually.

As we move into the off-season, we will

begin to work on many of the initiatives that were passed in the FY 2022 budget so that completion occurs by the end of the fiscal year. The Town has been working on the specifications for road repairs throughout town. A contract has been awarded and work will begin this fall.

Financially the Town continues to be in a solid position. Through the first 5 months of the year our revenues and expenses are tracking to budget expectations. Use of our capital budget remains on schedule for FY2022 with many of these capital expenses planned for the off season.

Lastly, enjoy the fall and winter activities of coastal beaches and remember to prepare your homes for the winter season.

Enjoy activities around Town or follow Town meetings! Visit our website at [southbethany.delaware.gov](https://southbethany.delaware.gov) and click on the banner at the top to receive news updates or meeting notifications.

## COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE (CEC)

YOU'RE INVITED

### FEMA Flood Ready Open House

Thursday, November 4, 2021

1:00 to 3:00 PM

South Bethany Town Hall, capacity will be managed

Face masks mandatory in Town Hall

### CANAL END PROGRAM SEEKING VOLUNTEERS



If you are interested in becoming more involved in the South Bethany community, the CEC encourages you to join the other volunteers who are beautifying our community by adopting a canal end. Over 40 canal ends

have been transformed and have made a significant difference in our 5-mile network of canals. Like many of our volunteers, you do not have to be a full-time resident to adopt a canal end. This is a great opportunity to give back to the community we love so much.

Fall is a time for walking and enjoying the peacefulness of South Bethany. Stop by the Richard Hall Memorial Park and read about South Bethany's past.....and present on the historic markers conveniently located adjacent to the memorial walkway off Russell Road.

Questions? Contact Sue Callaway at 301-467-1642 or email Sue at [sue.callaway@gmail.com](mailto:sue.callaway@gmail.com). THANK YOU!



## DO YOU KNOW YOUR FLOOD RISK?

Join us for the FEMA Flood Ready Open House to view the newly updated flood maps and meet one-on-one with FEMA and flood insurance experts to discuss:

- Changes to your flood risk.
- Available flood insurance options.
- Actions you can take to protect yourself and your property from flooding.

**If attending, you must pre-register to Janet Powell at:**

[administrator@southbethany.org](mailto:administrator@southbethany.org)

Please put "FEMA pre-registration" in the subject line. Provide name phone number & South Bethany address.



**Not comfortable meeting with representatives in-person or unable to attend the Open House? No problem!**

Fill out the Insurance Specialist Contact Record Form located on the Town website and return to Town Hall OR call Janet at 302-539-3653, extension 219, or email her at [administrator@southbethany.org](mailto:administrator@southbethany.org), and provide your name, South Bethany property address and telephone number and a representative from FEMA will call YOU for a one-on-one telephone conversation about your property.



# IN THE NEWS

## TOWN COUNCIL RECOGNITION CEREMONY

At their meeting of September 10, 2021, the Town Council presented recognition resolutions to three outgoing council members.



**Don Boteler** served on Council for four years and retired in 2020. Because of COVID, his service could not be recognized until this year. Don served as the Council Treasurer as well as the Chair of the Budget & Finance Committee. He dedicated significant time and implemented and refined the Towns' 10-year Capital Improvement Plan Fund. Don still volunteers his time with the Budget Finance Committee, but enjoys golfing so much

more!

**Carol Stevenson** was a member of Council for six years. Carol served as the Secretary on Council, as well as the Chair of the Community and Public Relations Committee (CPR). Carol significantly contributed to the CPR Committee by initiating and organizing countless community events such as the Town's 50th Anniversary celebration, movies on the beach, pot luck dinners, and holiday events. Carol now has the opportunity to enjoy many spontaneous road trips with that new RV!



**Frank Weisgerber** was a member of Council for six years. Frank was instrumental in building all three of the Town's Little Free Libraries. Frank also served as Chair of the Canal Water Quality Committee by dedicating significant time to the Town's five miles of canals, applying for grants, and implementing oyster beds and floating wetlands in partnership

with the Center for the Inland Bays and DNREC. Frank will finally get a chance to catch up on watching reruns of Gilligan's Island!

The Town Council and Staff wishes everyone a peaceful and enjoyable retirement. Thank you for your service to our community!

## NEW PROPERTY OWNERS

Are you new to Town? Stop by Town Hall to pick up a "Welcome Bag." The bag has an array of fun things as well as information about the Town and surrounding areas.

Questions? Call Administrative Specialist, Janet Powell at (302) 539-3653, extension 219.

## SEE SOMETHING...SAY SOMETHING

If You See Something, Say Something® is a program designed to raise public awareness of indicators of terrorism and terrorism-related crime

and emphasizes the importance of reporting suspicious activity to the proper state and local law enforcement officials. Visit the website at <https://www.dhs.gov/see-something-say-something>.

## BULKHEAD REPAIRS

As a reminder, bulkhead repairs will take place this fall/winter to Town-owned bulkheads located at the ends of New Castle Road, Sussex Place, and West 11th St. West 11th has already been prepped by the Public Works Department.

## STAY INFORMED! SUBSCRIBE TO EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS & EMAIL BLASTS!

Go to [southbethany.delaware.gov](https://southbethany.delaware.gov) at the top of the home page to sign up! Click on "more info" on the banner. **News Updates** provides email blasts regarding emergency weather notifications, Town election, events and activities, trash schedule and other various town-related information. **Meetings Only** provides only the meetings you choose. You will receive an email on each day the agenda is published with a title, summary and link access.

## SNOW REMOVAL TIPS

As a reminder, when winter rolls around and if plowing Town-owned roads becomes necessary, the Town is not responsible for maintaining private walkways or plowing private driveways. Please make arrangements with a snow removal contractor. Look in the local newspapers or online for advertisers prior to the winter season.

To lessen the chance of shoveling your driveway twice, here are a few tips. 1) Create a 'landing strip'. Clear an area before the driveway where accumulated snow on the plows can land; 2) Go with the flow. Shovel and pile snow in the same direction as traffic flow. The Town does not reimburse for damages to mailboxes due to plowing.

## WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

Properly winterize your home – property owners are responsible for taking care of the pipes before closing up for the winter. Every year, we receive many calls for frozen or broken pipes. Also make sure you prepare for storms by removing or securing all outdoor items, including boats. To avoid frozen water pipes, please properly winterize your home.

## BROKEN WATER PIPES

To report a broken water pipe, you must contact Artesian's Customer Service Number at 302-453-6930. You will need to give the Customer Service Representative the property address as well. Artesian's inspector will go to the property and take care of the issue. Please note, Town Staff is not permitted to access private properties.

## OVERGROWN VEGETATION

Fall Cleaning also includes your yard! Corner properties shall maintain adequate vision clearance. No property owner shall allow any bush, shrub, tree, planting or other vegetation to encroach onto or into the streets, alleys, canals or Town rights-of-way. Keep your lot free of dead trees, underbrush, limbs and branches. Public works employees will be clearing vegetation out of the Town rights-of-way and at bulkhead ends.

# TOWN HALL INFORMATION PAGE



## TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS AND TOWN HALL HOURS

(Meeting dates are subject to change; meetings can be accessed via the virtual link provided on all agendas)

DATE	TIME	MEETING/HOLIDAY
October 8	10:00 AM	Town Council Regular Meeting
October 28	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop
November 11		Closed for Holiday
November 12	10:00 AM	Town Council Regular Meeting
November 25-26		Closed for Holiday
December 10	10:00 AM	Town Council Regular Meeting
December 16	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop
December 24-27		Closed for Holiday
December 31		Closed for Holiday
January 2022		No Town Council Meetings
February 11	10:00 AM	Town Council Regular Meeting
February 24	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop
March 11	10:00 AM	Town Council Regular Meeting
March 24	3:00 PM	Town Council Workshop

## STAY INFORMED! GET CONNECTED!

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**News Updates** provides agendas for Town Council only, and news releases including emergency weather, Town election, events and activities, trash schedule and other various town related information.

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## TOWN HALL 302-539-3653

CONTACT	NAME	EXTENSION
Town Manager	Maureen Hartman	213
Finance Director	Renee McDorman	215
Code Enforcement Officer	Joe Hinks	211
Administrative Specialist	Janet Powell	219
Town Clerk	Matt Amerling	218
Public Works Supervisor	Jon Stiffler	216
Public Works	Rick Gentile	216
Deputy Code Enforcement	Ryan Dacey	226

## POLICE DEPARTMENT 302-539-3996 (non-emergency)

Chief of Police	Jason Lovins	224
Police Sergeant	Patrick Wiley	214
Police Officer	Killian Klopp	212
Police Officer	Jahn Farrell	212
Police Officer	Shaun Baldasano	223
Police Officer	Terik Fullerton	225
PD Admin Assistant	Coleen Meyer	221

## TOWN COUNCIL 302-539-3653

Mayor	Timothy Saxton
Mayor Pro-Tem	Sue Callaway
Councilmember (Secretary)	Dick Oliver
Councilmember (Treasurer)	Randy Bartholomew
Councilmember	Tim Shaw
Councilmember	Edie Dondero
Councilmember	Derek Abbott

EMERGENCY	9-1-1
Fax (Town Hall)	(302) 539-7576
Fax (Police)	(302) 539-7545

## OTHER CONTACTS

State Police Non-Emergency	302-855-2980
DNREC	800-523-3336 (Boating complaints outside of Town limits)
U.S. Coast Guard	800-424-8802
Republic Services	800-762-8888 (TRASH, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE)
DE Solid Waste Authority	800-404-7080 (Landfill)
Artesian	302-453-6930 (Water)
Sharp Energy	302-856-6648 (Emergency)

## Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) FEMA Flood Ready Open House

An Open House will be held at Town Hall (capacity will be managed), on November 4, 2021 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, in response to the Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) regarding changes to the Town's Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report and the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for the community. Meet one-on-one with FEMA and flood insurance experts to discuss questions or concerns about your individual property with 1) Changes to your flood risk; 2) Available flood insurance options and; 3) Actions YOU can take to protect yourself and your property

If you plan to attend in-person, please pre-register with Janet Powell, at [administrator@southbethany.org](mailto:administrator@southbethany.org). Please put "FEMA pre-registration" in the subject line and provide your name, phone, & South Bethany address. **Masks are mandatory.**

Not comfortable meeting with representatives in person or unable to attend the Open House? No problem! Fill out the Insurance Specialist Contact Record Form located on the Town website OR call Janet at Town Hall at 302-539-3653, ext. 219 OR email Janet to the above address providing your name, South Bethany property address and telephone number and someone from FEMA will call you for a one-on-one telephone conversation!

*New Years Resolution.....Spend more time at the beach*



## COMMUNICATIONS & PUBLIC RELATIONS COMMITTEE (CPR)



### Here We Come A-Caroling

Get in the holiday spirit...it's time to go caroling by trolley! Mark your calendars for Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> from 3-5pm. The festive First State Trolley will pick up carolers at Town Hall and then roll through Town spreading holiday cheer. Check the

Town website in the coming weeks for more details on how to reserve a seat. **Caroling Trolley has been cancelled as of 11/18/21.**

### Bringing the Community Together

Committee-sponsored events returned this year after a loosening of Covid restrictions. July saw the return of the annual Movie on the Beach, a popular family-friendly event. Delayed one night due to the threat of thunderstorms, moviegoers enjoyed a beautiful night with clear skies and a nearly full moon. On October 1st, the Committee hosted a bonfire on the beach to say farewell to summer and to welcome the fall season. It was wonderful to see so many residents turn out for the event, greet new property owners, and roast some marshmallows! Events like these are offered as opportunities for residents to meet and connect with their neighbors and fellow community members. If you haven't been to one of these events, please consider joining us at the next one. The Committee is in the process of planning new and different events for next year and would love to hear your sugges-

tions. To share your thoughts and/or provide feedback on past or future events, email [townhall@southbethany.org](mailto:townhall@southbethany.org).

### Staying Connected

Keep up-to-date with important information and events by ensuring the Town has your current email address on file. The Town provides two options to subscribe for email notifications. Visit the Town website at [southbethany.delaware.gov](http://southbethany.delaware.gov). At the top of the page, in the banner, click "More Info". News Update provides important information for residents & property owners as well as emergency alerts, event listings, the Zephyr, and opinion surveys. For Meetings Only provides reminders of meetings for only those you select. You will receive an email on the day that notices are published, which includes a title, summary and link with further details. Please note that subscribing to agenda postings via the website is NOT the same process as signing up for Town email communications. These lists are maintained separately so as not to overload resident inboxes. Email addresses are not shared or otherwise distributed, and are used for Town communications only. If you are a social media user, be sure to follow South Bethany on Instagram at @southbethanytownhall. You can find event details, important information, emergency alerts, and the occasional photo of South Bethany's canine residents!

Councilwoman Edie Dondero

## ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

### Ordinance 203-21

To Amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany Chapter 42, Building Construction, to permit the use of fuel powered generators and air compressors that conform to OSHA noise level safety limits and make violations of the provisions of the chapter Civil penalties rather than Criminal offenses.

Resolution 4-21 - A Resolution to Recognize Don Boteler

Resolution 5-21 - A Resolution to Recognize Carol Stevenson

Resolution 6-21 - A Resolution to Recognize Frank Weisgerber

Resolution 7-21 - A Resolution to Revise South Bethany's Schedule of Fees

Ordinances & Resolutions can be viewed in full at Town Hall or at [southbethany.delaware.gov/Government/Ordinances & Resolutions](http://southbethany.delaware.gov/Government/Ordinances%20and%20Resolutions)

## FALL PROJECTS

### Rental License/Rental Tax Due

No property owner shall advertise to lease or rent without obtaining a valid annual rental license. Effective May 1, 2021, the fee is \$180.00 for residential or commercial rental property. The property owner certifies that all prior rental tax forms have been filed; all rental tax and penalties due have been paid in full; and all information provided, and statements made are true and accurate. A property owner found guilty of violating this ordinance shall upon conviction be fined \$300.00 for each day of violation, plus court costs, and reasonable town attorney fees. Rental taxes are due and payable to the Town no later than Oct. 31, 2021 and shall cover the prior period of Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Rental Tax is 8% of total gross receipts collected for each rental property.

### Road Improvements

Jerry's Inc. was awarded the street improvements bid in the amount of \$197,500.00 for improvements that include crack sealing and patching. You will see them start working around the end of October/early November

The roads that will be **patched** include: Anchorage, Bayshore,

Cleveland, Elizabeth Way, S. 8th, S. 9th, W. 5th, N. 1st, S. 1st, N. 4th, Godwin, Kimberly, Petherton, Rebecca, Russell, N. 3rd, S. Anchorage, Victoria, W. 2nd, W. 3rd, W. 4th and York.

The roads that will be **sealed** include: Anchorage, Bayshore, Black Gum, Boone, Brandywine, Carlisle, Cleveland, Division, Elizabeth (Court & Way), S. 8th, N. 5th, W. 5th, N. 1st, S. 1st, N. 4th, S. 4th, Godwin, Henlopen, Indian, Jamaica, Kent, Kewanee, Kimberly, Layton, Logan, Mays, S. 9th, Periwinkle, Peterson, Petherton, Plymouth, Rebecca, N. 2nd, S. 2nd, S. 7th, N. 6th, S. 6th, Sussex, S. Anchorage, S. Ocean, Tern, N. 3rd, S. 3rd, Victoria, W. 2nd, W. 3rd, and York.

### Comcast is Coming to Town

Around late October, property owners will start noticing contractors preparing for the underground mainline for Comcast. The primary contractor, Communications Construction Group, will oversee several contractors for the project. Barring any disruptions, this project should take approximately three months to complete, then the next step is aerial installation. We will continue to keep you apprised through email news updates.





# SB Beach Patrol



*Congratulations to 2020 lifeguard of the year, Mike O'Reilly (left), who didn't get to celebrate due to the pandemic!*

*Mayor Saxton & Captain Ryan Dacey congratulates Sean McClory (Center), 2021 lifeguard of the year.*



**Happy 50th Anniversary to the South Bethany Beach Patrol**

*Photograph provided by Leigh Dwyer Photography*



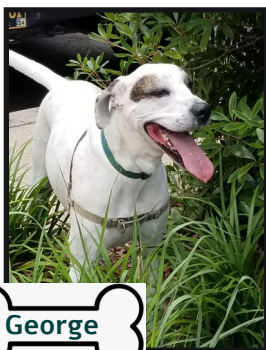
## Jr. Lifeguard Program was a huge success

The South Bethany Jr. Lifeguard program was held in July and August with 54 participating in physical activities including beach flags, sprints, push-ups, pull-ups, core strengthening, yoga, team games, and paddle boarding; health and safety activities including CPR, first-aid, environmental safety, nutrition; and ocean lifesaving activities included preventative lifesaving skills, rescue training, ocean currents, hazards, distressed swimmers, and mock rescues. Kudos to the South Bethany Beach Patrol mentoring while keeping everyone safe on our beach this spring, summer and fall.



**Don't forget!**  
Keep your fur babies on a leash year round in Town and at the Beach!

## Meet Our Frequent Summer Visitors



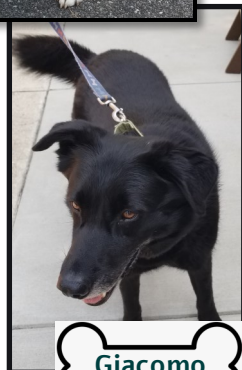
**George**



**Maple**



**Sandy**



**Giacomo**

## SUMMER 2021

### South Bethany's First Bonfire on the Beach

The Communications & Public Relations Committee hosted South Bethany's first bonfire on the beach on October 1st, bidding farewell to summer and welcoming fall! It was the perfect evening for so many property owners who turned out to meet each other and roast some marshmallows! Special thanks to Councilwoman Edie Dondero for hosting the event and former Councilwoman Carol Stevenson for sponsoring the bonfire ordinance.





## BICYCLE & PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AD HOC COMMITTEE (B&PSC)

This past summer the Town Council approved the creation of a new Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Ad Hoc Committee (B&PSC) which will be chaired by Councilwoman Edie Dondero. Its purpose is to identify any bike or pedestrian safety issues in Town, make recommendations to Council, and provide safety tips and educational information to property owners, residents, and visitors. The B&PSC will work closely with the South Bethany Police Department and is pleased to have Chief Lovins as an active participant in meetings. As part of its charge to relay safety-related information to property owners, the B&PSC wishes to share the following reminders:

### Remove Vegetation within the Road Right-of-Way

Our narrow roads do not have sidewalks. When passing a property with vegetation growing into the right-of-way, a cyclist or pedestrian is forced to move closer to the road or onto the pavement, which can be a safety concern. As a reminder, Chapter 125-2 of the Town Code prohibits vegetation - including but not limited to bushes, flowers, vines, trees, ornamental grasses, or other plantings - encroaching onto streets or any road right-of-way. You can help keep our streets safe, AND remain in compliance with this Town ordinance, by properly maintaining the vegetation on your property. Remember that the right-of-way extends beyond the edge of the pavement on most roads in Town, so no

vegetation should overhang the pavement. Town-owned bulkheads will also be cleaned up!

### Walk Smart, Face Traffic

It is safest to face traffic when walking on roads with no sidewalks. This allows pedestrians to see approaching bicycles and vehicles and avoid being struck from behind. (Cyclists are required by law to travel in the same direction as vehicles.) When walking you should always face traffic and make eye contact with approaching drivers to be sure they are aware of your presence.

### Pedestrian Warning Lights on Coastal Highway

The four crosswalks with yellow flashing lights installed by DelDOT on Coastal Highway last year were designed to enhance pedestrian safety. It is important to understand; however, that these are warning lights for approaching traffic and that, in accordance with Delaware law, vehicles are NOT required to stop for pedestrians until they are already in the crosswalk. Before crossing, pedestrians should ensure that both the inner and outer lanes of travel are clear. Even if a vehicle in one lane has stopped, NEVER assume that an approaching vehicle in the adjacent lane will also stop. The safest places to cross Coastal Highway are at one of the three lighted intersections in Town: Evergreen Road, Layton Drive and York Road.

## A MESSAGE FROM JOE HINKS, CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

As a reminder to all residents, please keep all recycle carts and trash cans either in a bin curbside or if not in a bin, return the cart and trash container to the house after the scheduled pickup. Trash containers and carts cannot be kept curbside if not in a bin. In response to recent complaints, all properties will be inspected for compliance regarding the location of those bins by our Code Enforcement Deputy, Ryan Dacey. Trash bins should not be in the Town right-of-way and must not be in poor or degrading condition. Additionally, complaints have been received regarding chains intended to block parking in front of properties. Chains or other items intended to restrict parking must not be installed or placed in the Town right-of-way or interfere with the flow of vehicle or pedestrian traffic. Please contact the Code Enforcement Officer before placing any chains or fencing or starting any project on your property to avoid non-compliance issues. The phone number is 302-539-3653 x 211.

## DID YOU KNOW?

**Pay Your Tax Bill Online** - Go to the Town website [southbethany.delaware.gov](http://southbethany.delaware.gov) and click on the Online Payments icon. If you need assistance, contact the Finance Director, Renee McDorman at 302-539-3653, extension 215 or [financial@southbethany.org](mailto:financial@southbethany.org).

**2021/2022 Trash Calendar is Online** - Go to the Town website [southbethany.delaware.gov](http://southbethany.delaware.gov) and click the Trash Can icon. Or stop by Town Hall and pick up a copy!

**Help Keep our Beach & Town Clean** - Please pick up after Fido! Use the convenient waste bags located throughout Town. Please be respectful of all properties!

**South Bethany Town Election has a new Date** - The annual election will be held on the **Second Saturday of May, Saturday, May 14, 2022**.

**Consider hiring a Property Manager** - Consider hiring a property manager to check on your home when you are away, to check your home during storms, for frozen pipes or repairs. It's your investment and peace of mind.

**Daylight Saving Time** - Clocks "Fall Back" on **November 7, 2021**

## Chief Lovins' Replacement (in 30 years)

