

**TOWN COUNCIL REPORT
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
NOVEMBER 15, 2022**

The Community Relations Committee met in October and will meet again next week (Nov. 21) and next month (date TBD). Recent activity of note is summarized below:

- The Committee continues to produce the monthly *What's Happening in South Bethany?* email newsletter.
- The monthly *Coffee and Conversation* events are on-hold due to the ongoing renovations of Town Hall.
- The Committee solicited resident suggestions for a new name of the Town's biannual newsletter (The Zephyr). The winning entry was *South Bethany Breeze*.
- A photography contest was held in October. Residents were invited to submit photos taken in South Bethany during calendar year 2022 in three categories: Sunset/Sunrise/Landscapes, Nature/Wildlife, and People/Events. Approximately 45 photos were submitted.
- The annual fall bonfire was cancelled due to beach erosion and walkway damage from the October storm. A spring reschedule will be planned.
- The Committee is hosting a Food Drive the week of November 28th to benefit the Cape Henlopen Food Basket. Residents are asked to drop-off donations at the police station during daily business hours or to bring to the tree lighting on December 3rd.
- The Committee enlisted financial support from Comcast to purchase an artificial, outdoor evergreen to be used for an annual tree lighting event. We are grateful to Comcast for their generous support and pleased to have them as a community partner.
- A first annual holiday tree lighting event will be held in front of Town Hall on Saturday, December 3rd at 5pm. The Committee will be providing refreshments and hot beverages, and has hired a guitarist to perform. Local community groups will also participate and have tables set-up at the event.

Respectfully submitted,
Edie Dondero, Chairperson