

# HELLO February



## **What's Happening in South Bethany?**

**February 2023**

### **Thank You, South Bethany Property Owners' Association!**

Gratitude is extended to the SBPOA for their recent, generous donation that was used toward the purchase of a new AED and Surf Ski for the South Bethany Beach Patrol. Keeping our lifeguards well equipped is important for the safety of our residents and visitors.

### **Little Free Library is Back**

The Little Free Library in front of Town Hall was removed last week to undergo repairs. It has since been replaced and restocked. Thank you to Public Works for the quick restoration. Also, please remember that there are two additional libraries in Town: Ocean Drive at S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street or York Road across from the York Beach Mall.

### **Parking Permits on Sale**

Only 117 days until Memorial Day! Get your beach parking permits now. To purchase, see the Town website for ordering instructions or stop by the walk-up window at Town Hall. Permits are \$20 each and each residence is limited to four.

### **Canal Water Quality Sampling**

A priority of the Canal Water Quality Committee (CWQC) is having reliable data about the quality of the water in our canals. Since 2009, South Bethany has participated in the Citizen Monitoring Program managed by the University of Delaware College of Earth, Ocean, and Environment. A team of five volunteers takes samples from the bulkheads at eleven sites (seven at dead-ends and four at mid-canal locations), measuring dissolved oxygen level, salinity, water clarity, and the air and water temperatures. They also record information on algae accumulation and annually measure nutrient levels. This data is critical to the CWQC as they consider options for improving our water quality. [Next month's newsletter will summarize the trends in the collected data.]

Our five current volunteers — Will Case, Mark Giler, Bill MacLachlan, Jack Whitney, and Dave Wilson — sample weekly during the summer months and at least monthly in the off-season. If you see them on your canal early in the morning, please stop and thank them for their dedication to our Town. If you would like to get involved in this effort, please contact Dave Wilson at 302-829-8607.

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