



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

### **April 2023**

#### **Canal Water Quality: Five-Year Trends**

The Citizen Water Quality Monitoring Team has put together a summary of the last five years of data collected from our canals. View the report at the link below.

<https://southbethany.delaware.gov/files/2023/03/South-Bethany-5-Year-Water-Quality-Trends.pdf>

#### **Celebrate Earth Day With Us**

Earth Day is April 22<sup>nd</sup>. In honor of the day, the Community Relations Committee, in conjunction with the Canal Water Quality Committee, is hosting several programs designed to promote better stewardship of our canals and the inland bays. Join us in the newly renovated Town Hall as we learn ways to minimize our impacts on the land and waters we treasure; perform some spring property maintenance and yard clean-up to protect our canals; and celebrate the season and catch up with neighbors at the community bonfire on the beach. Read on for details!

#### **Thursday, April 20, 5:30-7pm**

*Town Hall Meeting Room*

"Water Quality of the Inland Bays"

With Andrew McGowan, Manager of Estuary Science, Delaware Center for the Inland Bays

Learn more about the health of the Little Assawoman Bay and how it impacts our canals.

#### **Saturday, April 22, 8am-5pm**

"Community and Canal Clean-up"

*Hosted by the Canal Water Quality Committee (CWQ)*

The CWQ encourages all property owners to participate in a day of seasonal clean-up and maintenance that will help our canals. Runoff from our properties and roadways is the main source of pollution in our canal system, as nutrients contained in runoff feed the growth of algae and deplete dissolved oxygen levels. [Download or view here a checklist of actions that will help minimize your property's impact on canal health.](#)

#### **Saturday, April 22, 7-8:30pm**

*S. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Beach*

Earth Day Community Bonfire on the Beach

Bring a chair or blanket and some marshmallows; we'll provide the sticks for toasting.

#### **Tuesday, May 2, 6-7pm**

*Town Hall Meeting Room*

"Native Plants: What's the Buzz?"

With Cheryl Rehrig and Denise Hoeksema, Inland Bays Garden Center; Helen Raleigh, Story Hill Farm; and Susan Wozniak, Planted Garden Co.

Learn how to use native plants in your yards and why they improve soil health, water quality and habitat.

**from the Community Relations Committee**

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