



What's Happening in South Bethany?

September 2023

Monthly Coffee with Council to Feature Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

Councilman Randy Bartholomew will host a presentation outlining the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The CERT program is administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and is designed to educate and train the American public about disaster preparedness and response. The presenter will be Ed Donnally, a CERT instructor and the coordinator for the Ocean View CERT, which is part of the Sussex County program. (**See below for more information about CERT.) The program will be held at Town Hall on Friday, September 15th at 10 a.m.

Autumn Bonfire on the Beach

The Community Relations Committee hosts the annual autumn Bonfire on the Beach at S. 3rd Street on Friday, September 29th from 7-8:30 p.m. Bring a chair or blanket for sitting, and marshmallows for roasting over the fire. (Rain date is Saturday the 30th.)

Thank You, South Bethany Beach Patrol!

As the season winds down, please join us in thanking the Beach Patrol for ensuring another fantastic summer in South Bethany. It had the potential to be a challenging summer for the guards with the in-season beach replenishment project and rebuilding of the walkways but they were undaunted by the disruptions. Before the season ends, consider taking a moment to thank the guards on your local stand for all their efforts this season. And, we offer hearty congratulations to Eric Lutz for being named South Bethany Lifeguard of the Year!

****More about CERT:**

Local government prepares for everyday emergencies. However, during a disaster, the number and scope of incidents can overwhelm conventional emergency services. The CERT program is an all-risk, all-hazard training. This valuable program is designed to help you protect yourself, your family, your neighbors, and your neighborhood in emergency situations.

In the CERT training, citizens learn to:

- manage utilities and put out small fires,
- treat the three medical killers by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating for shock,
- provide basic medical aid,
- search for and rescue victims safely,
- organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective, and
- collect disaster intelligence to support first responder efforts.

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