



## *Mayor's Monthly*

**May 2025**

### **NEWS & INFO**

#### **Your Input is Needed: Community Planning**

The Council has hired planners from UD's Institute of Public Administration (IPA) to conduct a survey and to engage property owners in discussions about challenges and opportunities related to community resiliency. If you have not already done so, please take the survey which can be found [here](#). Also, please plan to attend the community meeting on **May 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.** to learn more about this effort, hear preliminary survey results, and offer additional feedback and ideas.

#### **Annual Algae Harvest Next Week**

Solitude will conduct the annual algae harvest in the canal network beginning Monday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Work will continue throughout the week. We thank boat owners who delayed putting their boats in the water until after the harvest is complete. This makes the harvest effort much more effective.

#### **Indian River School District Referendum**

The Indian River School District will host a current expense referendum on **Thursday, June 5, 2025**. The referendum will seek funding for increased operating costs and the recruitment and retention of staff. Voting on June 5 is from **7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m.** at multiple polling locations (see link below). To be eligible to vote, an individual's residence in the School District must be his or her *primary residence*. For more information about the referendum, visit [irsd.net/referendum](http://irsd.net/referendum) or contact Indian River's Referendum Hotline at (302) 436-1079.

#### **Staff Changes & Additions**

Congratulations to Nick Donatoni who was promoted to the position of Lead Worker in our Public Works department. And a big welcome to Bill Peckholdt who recently joined Nick, Greg, and Jim on the public works team. Congratulations to South Bethany Police Officer Shaun Baldasano who was promoted to Lieutenant on May 1. We wish them much success.

#### **Parking Pass Season Begins**

Reminder that parking passes are required for use of all spaces on the east side of Coastal Highway between May 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>. Two passes can be purchased by property owners at Town Hall or via the Town website. Daily parking passes for non-residents are available for purchase at the kiosk outside Town Hall beginning on May 15.

### **CALENDAR NOTES**

#### **May 9: Last Day for Submitting Affidavits & Receiving Absentee Ballots**

Completed affidavits must be received at Town Hall no later than noon (12 p.m.). No absentee ballots will be distributed after 12 p.m. noon.

#### **May 10: Election Day**

The annual election will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### **May 10: Bulk Trash Pick-Up**

See the Town website for details on what is/is not acceptable for pickup.

#### **May 15: Community Planning Meeting**

Beginning at 12:30 p.m. at Town Hall, led by planners from the IPA at the University of Delaware.

#### **May 17: Beach Patrol Tryouts**

The final SBBP tryouts will be held at noon (12 p.m.) on the beach at S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

#### **May 24: Unveiling of New "Storyboards"**

The Community Relations Committee will unveil new, redesigned interpretive storyboards along Russell Road, at 10 a.m. Funded by the Town with contribution from the South Bethany Historical Society (SBHS).

#### **May 26: Town Hall Closed**

Offices will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

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