



## Mayor's Monthly July 2025

### NEWS & INFO

#### Community Resiliency Planning Update

The Town 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. The survey, which closed on May 30<sup>th</sup>, received 421 responses and the results will be shared soon. If you were unable to attend the May 15 community planning meeting, a video of the event is available at this link: [https://capture.udel.edu/media/South+Bethany+Sustainability+Workshop+May+2025/1\\_1b1rbiyp/163420271](https://capture.udel.edu/media/South+Bethany+Sustainability+Workshop+May+2025/1_1b1rbiyp/163420271)

Opportunities for you to participate in the planning effort continue. On July 28<sup>th</sup>, we will hold an open meeting over Zoom on the topic of impervious surfaces. Specifically, we will discuss how those materials should be defined in the Town code and whether the permitted amount of such surfaces on individual properties should be reduced. All property owners are welcome to participate. You can check [here](#) for the agenda and Zoom link, read minutes of past meetings, and see notifications of upcoming meetings.

#### Please Manage Your Recycling

Your cooperation is requested in following the rules for curbside recycling pickup. Please post the regulations (available on the Town website) in your home for any renters and/or guests.

- 1) NO PLASTIC BAGS, including garbage bags, should be placed in recycling bins.
- 2) BREAK DOWN your cardboard boxes or they will not be picked up.
- 3) Nothing left outside of your container will be picked up, so if it doesn't fit, save it for next time.

#### Requests to Regulate Beach Canopies

Council has received several requests to enact regulations pertaining to beach canopies and tents. At our next Council meeting on July 11<sup>th</sup> (9 a.m.), we will discuss whether regulations, such as a maximum size for shade structures, are needed. We want to hear your thoughts on this matter. Please email me and/or Council members with your opinion.

### CALENDAR NOTES

#### July 4: Town Hall Closed

Offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

#### July 12: Bike Rodeo

The bike rodeo is back! Stop by the front of Town Hall to learn tips about bike and pedestrian safety, pick up some free safety gear, and meet members of the police and fire departments. There may even be ice cream! From 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., sponsored by the Town and SBPD.

#### July 18: Coffee & Conversation

Stop in to greet and ask questions of Councilman Bob Shields. Event begins 9 a.m. at Town Hall.

#### July 23 & 24: Beach & Bay Cottage Tour

Friends of the South Coastal Library (FOSCL) is holding the annual B&BCT to raise funds for the Library. Featured on this year's tour are two South Bethany homes, located on New Castle Drive and York Road. Please be mindful that there may be increased traffic on these two streets during this two-day event.

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