



Mayor's Monthly February 2026

NEWS & INFO

Winter Storm Fern and Another Possible Storm

Our staff did a great job preparing for and managing last weekend's storm. Thanks are extended to Town Hall staff for their communications and coordination, and to the public works team for an outstanding job on snow and ice removal. Appreciation is also extended to the SBPD who went door-to-door during last weekend's power outage to check on residents and ensure their electric service was restored. At the time of this writing, we are monitoring the potential for another storm this weekend with high winds and coastal flooding. We will share any relevant information as it becomes available.

Connecting with Our Congressional Delegation

Town Manager Hartman and I, along with Bethany Beach Mayor Calef, were recently invited to meet with Senator Lisa Blunt-Rochester to discuss our funding needs in preparation for the 2026 update to WRDA (the Water Resources Development Act). We escorted the Senator to the beach to view the damage from last fall's storms and impress on her the need for repair of the dunes and renourishment of the beach. I was also able to speak with the Senator about our need for federal assistance in addressing our tidal flooding issues throughout Town.

And earlier this week, we were pleased to host Congresswoman Sarah McBride at Town Hall. We spoke with her at length about the importance of restoring funding for beach renourishment and seeking federal assistance on a long-term solution for tidal flooding in the bay.

We are confident our federal delegation understands that dune restoration and beach renourishment, as well as large-scale, regional flood mitigation efforts in the bay, are vitally important to the future resilience of our community. They have pledged their support and will work to secure federal funding for these projects.

Ready for Summer?

Had enough of winter already? Ready to hit the beach? It's never too early to prepare for summer. Get your 2026 parking passes now -- it will be May before you know it! Order your permits online [here](#) or stop by Town Hall and see Brittany to purchase. Two passes per residence are available for purchase.

CALENDAR NOTES

Town Hall Closed

Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16th in observance of Presidents' Day.

Coffee & Conversation

The Community Relations Committee's monthly coffees will return on Friday, February 20th at 9 a.m. Please mark your calendar and plan to stop in!

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