



## Mayor's Monthly July 2026

### NEWS & INFO

#### **\*\*Dangerous Heat Watch in Effect Thursday through Saturday\*\***

There is an extreme risk of heat-related illnesses for the entire population. This will be a prolonged heat event that is very dangerous unless precautions are taken. Little to no relief will be offered overnight. Air conditioning is necessary; fans and open windows at night will not be enough.

Drink plenty of water; cancel outdoor activities; stay in an air-conditioned place, including overnight; and check on your neighbors, especially the elderly. The South Coastal Library is available as a cooling station on Wednesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

#### **A Plea to All Property Owners, Guests and Visitors**

This weekend and next week will be the busiest days of the year in South Bethany. We want everyone to enjoy themselves and have a great holiday. But mostly, we want everyone to be safe. Please, please, please remember the following and share these reminders with your guests, renters, or visitors.

- The Town roads are not walking trails. Stay to the left side of the road and walk facing oncoming traffic.
- Use the pedestrian crosswalks with flashing lights to cross Coastal Highway. Make sure BOTH lanes stop before crossing.
- Golf carts are NOT permitted on pedestrian crosswalks. Violators will be ticketed.
- Walk bikes across Coastal Highway. Do not ride across pedestrian crosswalks.
- SLOW DOWN when driving on Town roads. Speed limits are either 15mph or 20mph.
- STOP SIGNS ARE NOT OPTIONAL. Roll-through stops are not legal. Bicycles are also required by law to stop at stop signs.
- Put the phone down when walking on the roads, riding a bike, or driving. Stay alert!

#### **REMINDER: Fireworks are Prohibited**

Reminder that all fireworks are prohibited in Town. This is especially important this year as we are under a drought watch and conditions present an elevated risk of fire. There was a dune fire in Ocean City recently from the illegal use of fireworks. Let's not have that happen here.

#### **IMPORTANT: Weigh In on The Future of South Bethany**

There are two opportunities to share your feedback.

1) The Town's planning consultants will attend the monthly Coffee and Conversation on July 24<sup>th</sup> to seek the community's input on the vision for the Town's new ten-year comprehensive plan. Please drop by to share what you think the Town does well, what needs improvement, and what the Town's priorities should be for the future.

2) Please complete the community survey that will be emailed later today. Your input is important and we want to hear from you. The survey will be sent via email and the link will be on the home page of the Town website; or you can fill out a paper version at Town Hall.

#### **Emergency Preparedness Tip of the Month**

Get a homeowner and flood insurance "check-up." Call your insurance company or agent and ask for an insurance check-up to make sure you have enough insurance to repair or even replace your home and/or belongings. Take the time before hurricane season begins to document your possessions: photos, serial numbers, or anything else that you may need to provide your insurance company when filing a claim.

### CALENDAR NOTES

#### **July 3: Town Hall Closed**

Offices will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

#### **July 3: Bonfire on the Beach**

South 2nd Street Beach, 7:30 p.m.

**July 11: Bike Rodeo**

9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at South Bethany Town Hall

**July 17: Town Council Monthly Meeting**

9 a.m., Town Hall

**July 24: Coffee & Conversation with Comprehensive Plan Consultants**

Event begins 10 a.m. at Town Hall.

**July 31: Town Council Workshop**

9 a.m., Town Hall

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