



Mayor's Monthly September 2026

NEWS & INFO

Thank You, Beach Patrol!

As their season draws to a close, we offer whole-hearted thanks to the South Bethany Beach Patrol for their great work this season. From rip current rescues, to jellyfish stings, to lost kids on the beach, the patrol is to be commended for their steadfast commitment to keeping all beach users safe. We are thrilled that the Junior Lifeguard Program was successfully resurrected this summer and hope it continues for years to come.

Congratulations to James Baffone, who was named by his peers as this season's Lifeguard of the Year, and to father-daughter, dynamic duo Chris Rutter and Ella Rutter who traveled to Ft. Lauderdale and helped represent the Sussex County Lifesaving Association at the National Lifeguard Championships. In case you missed the incredible news, the Sussex County team WON THE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW! A truly outstanding effort and we are incredibly proud of our local squad.

Presentation on Fiscal Year 2026 Audit

The accounting firm hired to conduct the annual, independent audit of the Town's Fiscal Year 2026 financial statements will present their findings at the Town Council meeting scheduled for Friday, September 11th at 9 a.m. The presentation will occur at the start of the meeting and all may attend in person or virtually via Zoom.

Recent Changes to Zoning Code

The Town Council recently amended the section of the Town Code relating to the use of pervious materials in setback areas. For more details about the change and what it means for your property, please see the information sheet posted [here](#).

Emergency Preparedness Tip of the Month

Before closing up your home for the season, please remember to secure any outdoor items such as tables and chairs, grills, paddleboards and kayaks, or anything else that is unsecured. These items can become projectiles during high winds or can float away during flooding events. Keep your property safe and help us reduce storm cleanup needs by making sure your home and its contents are secured. It is also a good idea to clean debris from gutters and ensure any drainage structures are unobstructed.

CALENDAR NOTES

September 7: Town Hall closed in observance of Labor Day

September 11: Town Council monthly meeting, 9 a.m.

September 18: Coffee & Conversation Birds, 8:30 a.m.

September 25: Town Council Workshop meeting, 9 a.m.

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