

"The Best Little Beach in Delaware"



Fall 2020

Town of South Bethany • 402 Evergreen Road • South Bethany, DE 19930

Visit the Town Website: <https://southbethany.delaware.gov/>

FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK TIM SAXTON

Since our Spring Zephyr the world continues to take unexpected turns due to the Coronavirus Crisis. Clearly this has had an effect on all our lives in many different ways. The Town continues to modify how we operate to meet the expectations of our Property Owners. We continue to provide required services through email, the website and by telephone. The Town staff and Police Department have done an excellent job in maintaining all services during these times. Lastly, I want to thank everyone for following CDC guidelines. It has been impressive how the community has respected social distancing and mask wearing as necessary throughout Town and on the beach.

The Fall of 2020 has finally arrived in South Bethany. The weather through September has been excellent beach weather and has extended our summer and time on our wonderful beach. The Town will continue our plans to improve our beach access walkways by constructing at least 3 additional wooden walkways during the off season.

Recently we were informed by DNREC and USACE that South Bethany will be having beach nourishment conducted late this fall. This is part of

the routine replenishment plan schedule for South Bethany. The exact dates for this project to begin are currently being finalized. It is good news this project will take place in the off season.

Financially, the Town continues to be in a solid position through the first 5 months of FY2021. As we are in the middle of FY2021 we continue to monitor our revenues and expenses to assure we understand any impact the pandemic may have on our Operational budget. Our capital budget continues to allow the Town to complete the planned major infrastructure projects. Our strong financial position should allow The Town to weather any financial impact that could occur due to the current crisis.

Finally, enjoy the off-season of the coastal beaches and remember to prepare your homes for the winter season.

Stay safe and stay well.

MEDIACOM UPDATE

By Sue Callaway

As most of you are aware, our seven-year CABLE contract with Mediacom expired in July 2020. Prior to that time we conducted a robust survey with South Bethany homeowners about Mediacom services and received a good response rate along with specific comments and recommendations from individuals. Since that time we have formed a subcommittee, including Mayor Tim Saxton, Mayor Pro-Tem Sue Callaway, Councilman Dick Oliver and Town Manager Maureen Hartman that has focused extensively on the issue of Mediacom's Cable and Internet services. We have summarized our survey results and have shared that information along with our recommendations with Mediacom. We have been meeting with Mediacom's Christopher Lord, Government Relations Manager, Coastal Region on a monthly basis and simultaneously

researching any current and future options that may or may not be available to South Bethany. While our contract agreement with Mediacom is about CABLE, this time of discussion and review has led to on-going focus on the delivery of Internet services as well. We held a Focus Group with South Bethany homeowners and Mediacom on August 13 which provided an opportunity for candid discussion and exchange of information. On September 11, 2020, the Town Council approved its second 3-month extension of the Mediacom Agreement for renewal negotiation. ALL information and updates are posted on southbethany.delaware.gov. Go to the "Info" tab and scroll down to Mediacom Survey Results & Reports. Once you click on that title, you will find the latest information including reports about this on-going review process, updates on Mediacom's 5-point response plan, and an audio of the Focus Group discussion. We are committed to this process and focused on "leaving no stone unturned!"



TID-BITS

Need to meet with the Building Inspector? Joe Hinks is available by appointment only M-F 8:30-11:30 & 12:30-3:30. To schedule an appointment, contact Joe directly at inspector@southbethany.org or 302-539-3653 x 211.

Have a question for Town staff? Stop by our walk-up-window at Town Hall!

Are you following us on Instagram? Go to southbethanytownhall for the official site!

Questions about the Town's website? Contact Pam Smith at 302-539-3653 x 219



The Communications and Public Relations Committee Carol Stevenson, C&PR Committee Chair

As we look ahead to a safe, virus free 2021, Communications and Public Relations would appreciate your input for the future. Many of the activities which make our town a special place were cancelled or curtailed this year. Yoga and Boot Camp continued but with special Covid Restrictions. Kudos to our instructors Debbie Finger, Kim and Mel Royster, and Murray Oltman who worked through the many challenges of the summer. The entire Town Staff worked hard to keep up business as usual, and succeeded. We certainly hope that things can get back to normal soon!

As we look ahead, suggestions would be welcomed. Would you like to have off season social activities as soon as it is safe to do so? Do you want summer programs and activities available in South Bethany? Would you like a bonfire on the beach? Do you think it is important to offer summer movies and activities that target both our residents and visitors? Should we have a float in the Bethany Beach Independence Day Parade? Do you want a free summer concert? Are the Fitness, Yoga, and Boot Camp programs important to you or your guests? Do you have any ideas for other fun programs we could add to our South Bethany Activities? Would you be willing to volunteer to help with an activity? Please send your comments or suggestions to Councilwoman Carol Stevenson at council@southbethany.org. Help us continue to make South Bethany "The Best Little Beach in Delaware". Stay Safe!

WINTERIZE YOUR HOME

Properly winterize your home to avoid frozen water pipes. Also prepare for storms – remove or secure all outdoor items. Boats also need to be secure.

Report broken water pipes to:
Artesian Water Company
302-453-6930

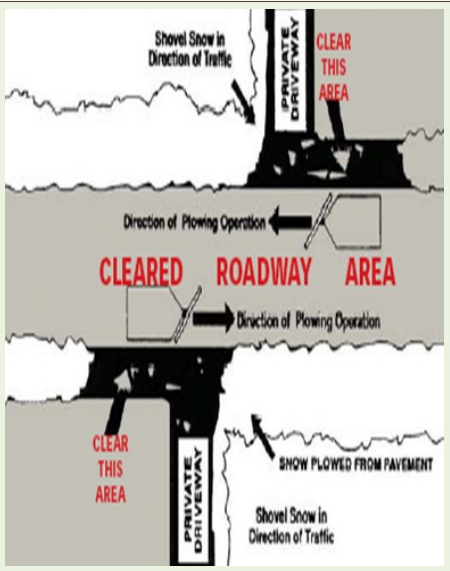
To report a broken water pipe, please call Artesian's Customer Service Number: 302-453-6930. You will need to give the Customer Service Representative the property address. Artesian's inspector will go to the property and take care of the issue. Please note, Town Staff is not permitted to access private properties.

SNOW REMOVAL TIPS

As a reminder, when winter rolls around and if plowing Town-owned roads becomes necessary, the Town is not responsible for maintaining private walkways or plowing private driveways. Please make arrangements with a snow removal contractor. Look in the local newspapers or online for advertisers prior to the snow season.

To lessen the chance of shoveling your driveway twice, here are a few tips, along with a diagram.

1. Create a 'landing strip'. Clear an area before the driveway where snow accumulated on the plows can land.
2. Go with the flow. Shovel snow in the same direction as traffic and pile snow downstream of the driveway.



2020 BEACH PATROL

Beach Patrol Picture courtesy of Leigh Dwyer Photography (LD-Photography.com)



Lifeguard of the Year Mike O'Reilly
School teacher, top athlete, always ready,
positive attitude, SB lifeguard for 5 years
Congratulations Mike! Great Job!

- First Row: Ryan Riggione, Lucy Webster, Grace Brokaw, Emily Mountain, Ryan Dacey (Captain), Cailey Murphy, Maggie Ford, Lexi Haden
- Second Row: Cory Ciekot, Evan Davis, Ricky Brokaw, Will Davis, Ben Davis, Derek Budd, Mike O'Reilly, Brandon Elliott, Chris Smith
- Third Row: Parker Pelham, Jim Ruback, Sean McClory, Jack Stang, Brad Bivins, Steve Deakyne, Gordy Scofield
- Fourth Row: Chris McGervey, Ben Chandlee, Josh Chandlee, Joe McGettigan, Billy Bonbright
- Not Pictured: Josh Keil, Andrew Rogan, Mark Muller



Although COVID-19 gathering restrictions led us to cancel our scheduled 10th ANNIVERSARY ADOPT-A-CANAL/ROAD END celebration this summer, the Community Enhancement Committee (CEC) awarded all 35 adopters a special gift bag on July 17, 2020, at Town Hall. With sincere appreciation for all the effort put forth by those South Bethany volunteers who have adopted canal ends and turned them into landscaped gardens – we THANK YOU! In partnership with Inland Bays Garden Center, the CEC presented each adopter with a specially designed commemorative Adopt mug, gift certificates and various other items. These volunteers truly have made a difference in our community. Below are pictures of some of our 35 adopters! Our very first 2010 adopters and Adopt contest winners, Sandi and Dennis Roberts were our first recipients! For those unable to attend on the 17th, our CEC volunteers delivered each bag to the Adopters...THANKS AGAIN!



CEC Members Sue Callaway, Bobbe Stephan and Donna Farrow along with Scott and Carol Fischer, 2019 Adopt Contest winners – Bayshore Dr.



Kathy Jankowski & Sue Callaway – Founders of the Adopt Program in 2010!



Georgia Weitzel – Canal Dr.



Liz Nowell – Bayshore Dr.



Elise Lofus – Layton Dr.



Tammy Werner – Kent Place

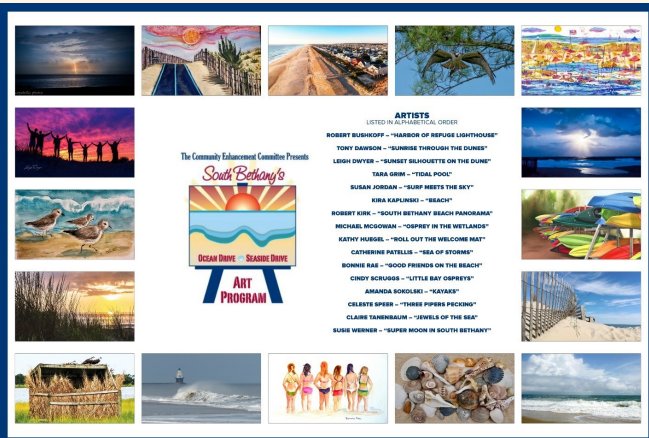


Lori Cicero – Canal Dr.

We are happy to announce that new homeowners Pat Solan and daughter Debbi Vigna are our newest adopters on Bayshore Drive. Welcome to South Bethany and thanks for volunteering! They are transforming a forgotten canal end! Also welcome to Carolyn Bell, another new SB homeowner who is assisting Flo Smith with their adoption on Canal Drive. Also a “shout out” to Tom Laddbush, York Road Adopter who is also volunteering with Public Works every Wednesday. Thanks to everyone for making a difference.

Some adopters have moved from SB so if you are interested in adopting a canal end, below is a list of canal ends available for adoption:

- Canal Drive between W. 4th and 5th Streets
- Route 1 between Kent and Godwin
- Route 1 between Henlopen and New Castle
- Route 1 between Layton and New Castle



Thanks again to all the artists who contributed to the Ocean Drive Art Program. Your colorful and creative art boards truly enhance our “Gateway to the Beach!” It has been a busy summer with so many people walking and biking along Ocean Drive and heading to the beach – your artwork offers an amazing visual display for all of us to enjoy. On behalf of our South Bethany homeowners and guests, the Community Enhancement Committee says

THANK YOU!

FROM THE CODE CONSTABLE

(Joseph Hinks)

News and updates:

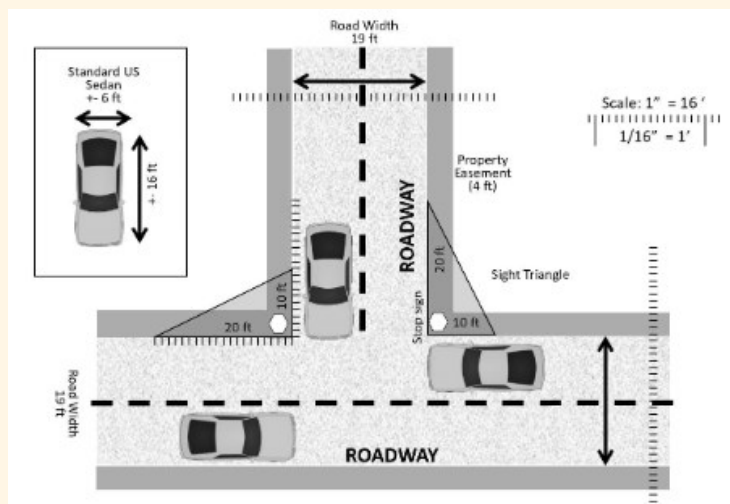
- As a reminder the entire Town of South Bethany is in a floodplain. If you would like to see a map of the flood zone that affects your property visit this link and select the NFHL Viewer. Here is a handy link for that site <https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-hazard-layer-nfhl>
- DNREC has a handy site for finding information concerning your flood risk. Click on the search tab and enter your address. <http://maps.dnrec.delaware.gov/floodplanning/default.html>
- Amended Code added:

§ 145-9 Vision clearance at corners.

[Amended 3-13-2020 by Ord. No. 198-20]

Fences, plantings or other visual obstructions above a height of three feet shall not be permitted within the sight triangle. The sight triangle shall be established by measuring from the edge of the pavement of intersecting streets 20 feet to the right of a stopped vehicle and 10 feet towards the rear of a stopped vehicle. The connection of those two lines will form the sight triangle. (Refer to Diagram 145-9.1 below.) Protective walls erected along Ocean Drive to block water incursion during flooding events, that predate the approval of this section, shall be exempt from these requirements.

Diagram 145-9.1
Sight Triangle at Intersections



Did You Know?

- Did you know that repairs, renovations, remodeling, and many other activities require permits both from Sussex County and the Town of South Bethany. Before you start any project please call 302-539-3653 x211 to see if your project requires permits
- Insurance companies and FEMA use Elevation Certificates as a tool in determining your individual flood risk. Old Elevation Certificates

may have used outdated benchmarks that are now unacceptable for rating properties. For help understanding the Elevation Certificate please visit this link. If you unable to use this link please call my office and I will assist you. <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/160>

- An Energy Audit may save you money on heating this season. For more information about how this can save you money visit this handy website : <https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/weatherize/home-energy-audits>
- If you have questions regarding Elevations, Flood Maps, or Flood Risks please call my office and I will assist you with the information we have on file for your property.

Some wintertime tips:

1. Keep gutters clean of tree debris to promote proper roof drainage. If gutters are clogged damage to the fascia boards, interior leaks in walls and the growth of mold and mildew can occur in a very short time.
2. When ice and snow cover concrete driveways and sidewalks avoid using salt based ice melting products. Salt is very damaging to concrete. Instead try using a calcium or magnesium based ice melt product. These products melt ice and snow very quickly and are less hazardous to the environment.
3. Now is a good time to check your smoke detectors. Smoke detectors like most things require maintenance and it is recommended to test them monthly. Did you know that having working smoke detectors properly installed increase your chances of surviving a fire by almost 50%?
4. Have all fuel burning equipment tested and serviced by a professional.
5. Make sure your dryer vents are clear of lint. Blocked vents can often lead to fires in the house.
6. Consider installing a CO detector. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless and toxic gas. CO can kill you before you are aware of it in your home. At lower levels CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health and the concentration and length of exposure. CO originates from many sources such as but not limited to: leaking chimneys and furnaces, gas water heaters, wood stoves and fireplaces to name just a few.
7. To improve drainage on your property and have a firm walking surface consider installing pervious pavers instead of concrete or asphalt.
8. To assist you in preparing for a Hurricane and Emergencies please visit <https://www.ready.gov/>

Please Remember:

IF YOU ARE UNDER A FLOOD WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY. Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. Turn Around, Don't Drown!

If you need to contact me the phone number is 302-539-3653 x211.

RESOLUTION REVIEW

Resolution 3-20, Extending the Term of the Cable Franchise Granted to Mediacom Delaware LLC ("Mediacom") Was adopted on July 10, 2020.

Resolution 4-20, Extending the Term of the Cable Franchise Granted to Mediacom Delaware LLC ("Mediacom"). Was adopted on September 11, 2020.

You may view these resolutions at Town Hall or in the News & Notices section of the Town's website.

ACCESS THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY CODE

On the home page of the Town's website

<https://southbethany.delaware.gov/>

Click or tap the Town Code icon



RENTAL TAX DUE OCTOBER 31, 2020

Rental taxes shall be due and payable to the Town no later than Oct. 31 of each year and shall cover the prior period of Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Rental Tax remains at 8% of total gross receipts collected for each residential and commercial property.

EMAIL NEWS UPDATES

Enroll in the Town's Email Communications Program by submitting the Email Registration Form on the Connect drop down menu at

<https://southbethany.delaware.gov>.

If you have questions about the program or if you would like to opt out of receiving repeated news updates, contact Pam Smith at administrator@southbethany.org or 302-539-3653, Ext. 219.

NO WAKE ZONES

All waterways from our canals to the Little Assawoman Bay are posted "NO WAKE" zones. If you see a boat creating wake in our canals, make a downward motion with your hand. If the boater chooses to ignore your request to cut the boat speed, you have the right to take pictures and capture the boat's name, boat description, and its registration number and then contact DNREC's Boat Enforcement Division at 302-739-4580.

HELP KEEP OUR BEACH AND TOWN CLEAN

Dog excrement has been seen along the beach. Everyone is asked to clean up after their dogs and not dispose of dog excrement in someone's private trash container. Please adhere to these Town ordinances:

§ 30-5. Removal of excrement. The owner shall carry and use a bag or other device to pick up and remove any excrement said dog shall drop on property other than their own.

§ 114-5E. It shall be unlawful to place or deposit any animal excrement into any cart, bin, can, or container that is not the property of the animal owner or the Town.

HONORARY/MEMORIAL BRICKS



Buy an honorary/memorial brick located around the Town Hall flagpole. To order, download the order form from the Forms page of the Town's website or contact Town Hall to request the form. Return the completed form and payment of \$100 to Town Hall.

NEW OWNER? PICK UP A WELCOME BAG AT TOWN HALL

If you have not received a South Bethany Welcome Bag, please stop by Town Hall. The welcome bag contains a collection calendar with information for trash, recycling, and yard waste collection, beach rules, info on organizations in South Bethany, and SB swag.

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM

The Town's Instagram account provides useful information on weather alerts and Town updates, as well as other special interests happening in and around the area. Search Instagram for southbethanytownhall OR at the bottom of the Home page of the Town's website click or tap

[Follow Us On Instagram](#)

WEBSITE TIP

Viewing from a mobile phone? To see the top navigation menu, tap the Menu icon:



MONITORING THE TROPICS AND CONDITIONS

The Sussex County Emergency Operations Center encourages residents and visitors to continue monitoring the tropics and conditions. Stay tuned to local television and radio stations and the following Sussex County internet resources:

Sussex County EOC Website:

<https://sussexcountyde.gov/emergency-operations-center>

Sussex County's hurricane homepage:

<https://sussexcountyde.gov/hurricane-information>

Facebook:

www.facebook.com/SussexCountyEOC

www.facebook.com/SussexCountyDE

Twitter:

https://twitter.com/SussexCtyDE_EOC

https://twitter.com/sussexde_govt

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SussexCountyDelaware>

The public should also monitor the National Weather Service NOAA Weather Ready Nation homepage:

<http://www.weather.gov/wrn/>

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Police Department is finding that when incidents occur the Town does not often have current contact information for property owners. These incidents are typically routine property checks, alarms, or broken water pipes. Please update your contact information by submitting the Email Registration & Owner Contact Information Form on the Connect drop down menu on the Town website.

Be sure to click or tap the "Submit" button at the bottom of the page.

Or call Town Hall at 302-539-3653 x 219.

BETHANY BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Please support the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company (BBVFC) in their fundraising efforts. The fire service is completely separate from the ambulance service. The ambulance fee you pay with your Town taxes is for the ambulance service only and does not benefit the fire service. The following is the web address to the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Co. Donation Page:

<http://bethanybeachfire.com/page/donations>

You can also access the donation page from the Local Links page of South Bethany's website.

TRASH , RECYCLING, & YARD WASTE CALENDAR

The calendar is posted on the Town's website. On the website Home page, click or tap the Trash Schedule icon.



Paper copies are available at Town Hall.

TRASH COLLECTION

October through April: Mon.
May and September: Mon. & Thurs.
June, July, & Aug.: Mon., Thurs., and Sat.

Recycling Collection
May through September: Every Fri.
Remainder of the year: Every other Fri.

Yard Waste Collection
Year Round: Every other Wed.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS: (Meeting dates and times are subject to change)

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| Oct. 9 | 10:00 a.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting |
| Oct. 22 | 3:00 p.m. | Town Council Workshop Meeting |
| Nov. 11 | ————— | Town Hall Closed - Veterans Day |
| Nov. 13 | 10:00 a.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting |
| Nov. 26 & 27 | ————— | Town Hall Closed - Thanksgiving |
| Dec. 11 | 10:00 a.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting |
| Dec. 17 | 3:00 p.m. | Town Council Workshop Meeting |
| Dec. 24 & 25 | ————— | Town Hall Closed—Christmas |
| Jan. 1 | ————— | Town Hall Closed—New Year's |
| Jan. 18 | ————— | Town Hall Closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| Feb. 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting |
| Feb. 25 | 3:00 p.m. | Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting |
| March 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Public Meeting on FY2022 Draft Budget |
| March 12 | 10:00 a.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting |
| March 25 | 3:00 p.m. | Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting |
| April 2 | ————— | Town Hall Closed—Good Friday |
| April 9 | 10:00 a.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting |
| April 22 | 3:00 p.m. | Town Council Workshop Meeting |
| May 14 | 10:00 a.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting |
| May 27 | 3:00 p.m. | Town Council Workshop Meeting |
| May 29 | 9 AM – 3 PM | Town Election |

TOWN HALL TELEPHONE & EXTENSIONS

| TITLE | NAME | EXT. |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| | Town Hall | 302-539-3653 |
| Town Manager | Maureen Hartman | 213 |
| Administrative Assistant | Pam Smith | 219 |
| Finance Director | Renee McDorman | 215 |
| Town Clerk | Janet Powell | 218 |
| Code Enforcement Constable | Joseph Hinks | 211 |
| Public Works Supervisor | Jon Stiffler | 216 |
| Maintenance Worker | Rick Gentile | 216 |
| Beach Patrol Capt./Code Enforce. | Ryan Dacey | 226 |

POLICE DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE & EXTENSIONS

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|-----------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Police Department | 302-539-3996 |
| Chief of Police | Jason Lovins | 224 |
| Police Sergeant | Patrick Wiley | 214 |
| Police Officer | Killian Klopp | 212 |
| Police Officer | Shaun Baldasano | 223 |
| Police Officer | Terik Fullerton | 225 |
| Police Officer | Anthony Quiroz | 223 |
| PD Administrative Assistant | Coleen Meyer | 221 |

TOWN COUNCIL PHONE NUMBERS

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|-------------------------------|-------------------|--------------|
| | Town Hall | 302-539-3653 |
| Mayor | Tim Saxton | Ext. 555 |
| Councilmember (Mayor Pro-Tem) | Sue Callaway | Ext. 552 |
| Councilmember (Secretary) | Carol Stevenson | Ext. 551 |
| Councilmember (Treasurer) | Randy Bartholomew | Ext. 553 |
| Councilmember | Frank Weisgerber | Ext. 556 |
| Councilmember | Dick Oliver | Ext. 550 |
| Councilmember | Derek Abbott | Ext. 554 |

Town of South Bethany Website
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IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER

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|---|----------------|--|---------------------------|
| Police Department (Emergency/Non-Emergency): | (302) 539-3996 | Delaware Health & Social Services (Georgetown): | (302) 515-3300 |
| Emergency: | 911 | Republic Services (Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste) | (800) 762-8888 |
| Non-Emergency (State Police): | (302) 855-2980 | Delaware Solid Waste Authority (Landfill): | (800) 404-7080 |
| DNREC (Div. of Fish and Wildlife): | (800) 523-3336 | Artesian: | (302) 453-6930 |
| (for boating/crabbing complaints outside of Town limits) | | Miss Utility: | (800) 282-8555 |
| (Mosquito Control Office and reporting dead birds): | (302) 422-1512 | Sharp Energy (Emergency): | (302) 856-6648 |
| USCG National Response Center: | (800) 424-8802 | (Complaint): | (302) 539-7898 |
| (report oil spills/chemical releases/maritime security incidents) | | Town Hall: | (302) 539-3653 |
| Poison Control Information Center: | (800) 222-1222 | Fax (Town Hall): | (302) 539-7576 |
| | | Fax (Police): | (302) 539-7545 |
| | | E-mail: | townhall@southbethany.org |



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