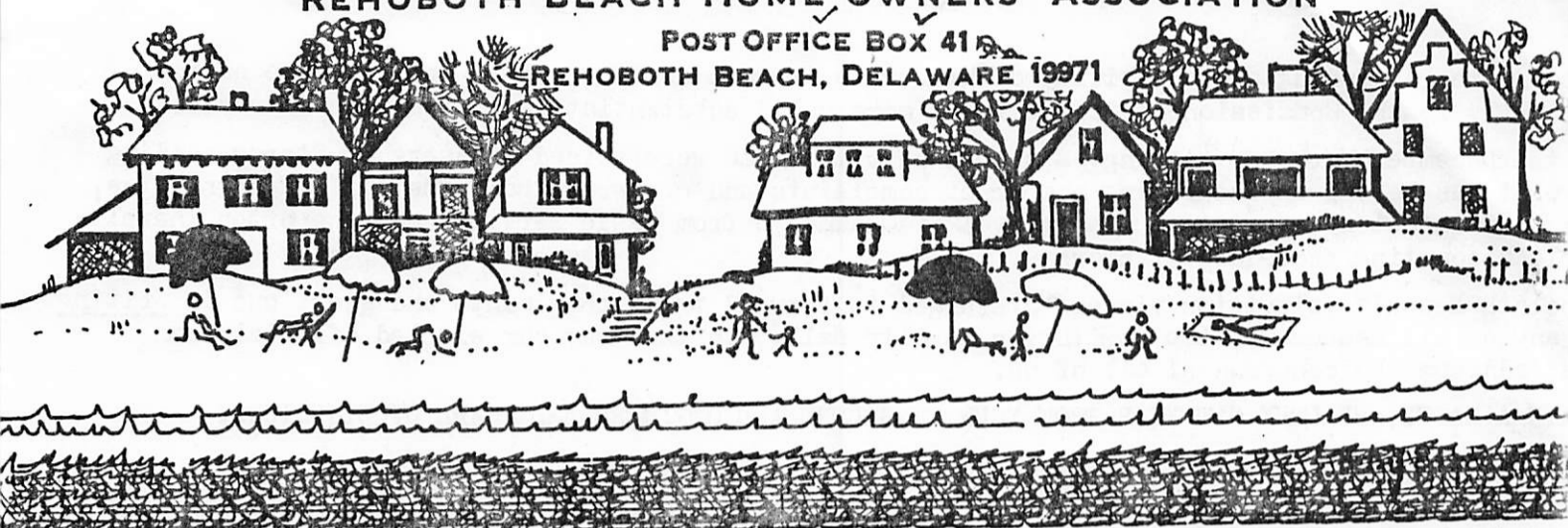


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NEWSLETTER OF DECEMBER 14, 1984

No. 6/84

Greetings - Your officers and directors extend Holiday Greetings to all members and wish for them and their families a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Reflections - 1984 has been a good year for your organization. Membership has grown to over 900. Endorsed candidates were successful in the Annual Municipal Election. A recommended Charter change to improve and broaden the important Variance Committee was approved by the State Legislature and is now in place. Communication was improved by publishing six newsletters. Attendance at meetings was good and continues to improve.

Town Meetings - Commissioner James Harty (RBHOA member) proposed holding two informal town meetings to hear citizen complaints and suggestions. He successfully presumed that the average citizen is reluctant to write or call City Hall except in emergency circumstances. The first town meeting included citizens north of Rehoboth Avenue. Even with short notice and little promotion it was exceptionally well attended. Complaints and suggestions were graciously received by City Manager Gregory Ferrese. Results came quickly and approval of this new idea was unanimous. A second Town meeting for the area south of Rehoboth Avenue was held to a "standing room only" crowd of enthusiastic citizens. The Mayor, participating Commissioners and City Manager are to be commended for the manner in which they responded.

Underground Utilities - Your organization is on record to favor placement of overhead utility lines underground. Director Fred Blackwell chairs a committee to collect data, etc. to help us support your Board of Commissioners in this important goal. This is a long range project which would increase the beauty of our city.

Communications - We are fortunate to have two fine newspapers serving our city. They report the local news timely and accurately. If you are not already a subscriber we suggest that this is a good way to keep informed as to what is happening in our city government. An informed citizen is a better citizen.

Christmas Spirit - Is alive and booming in Rehoboth Beach. Rehoboth Avenue is now aglow with new Christmas decorations. The median strip islands have been decorated by various civic and business organizations. The elaborate and life size figures in the creche at the bandstand make an impressive sight to all that come to share our Christmas spirit.

Register to Vote - There are still some RBHOA members who are not registered to vote in our Annual Municipal Election. It is not necessary that you be a legal citizen of Delaware to vote in this election. The only qualifications that you be a property owner or a resident for at least ninety days and be at least eighteen years of age.

Registration must be done in person at City Hall during regular business hours. If you miss voting in two consecutive elections your name is stricken from the list of those eligible to vote. If you have any question as to whether or not you are eligible to vote call 227-6181.

New Year's Resolution - Let us ask a friend or neighbor to join RBHOA during the coming year. Our membership goal is 1000. We need your support. Application forms are available by writing RBHOA, P.O. Box 41, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware 19971.

Dues are still a reasonable \$5.00 and cover all family members at one address. This makes RBHOA the best bargain in Rehoboth Beach.

Cable T.V. Rate Increase - Recently Storer Television requested a 17% increase from the Rehoboth Beach Commissioners. Good marks go to Commissioner James Harty, who is a Certified Public Accountant, for the exhaustive in-depth study he made of this request.

At its November meeting, the Commissioners decided that, although a reasonable cost of having an increase could be justified, they could not support the 17% request. They accordingly voted an interim 8% increase. It was emphasized that this interim rate could be adjusted up or down at a

later date, depending on the ability of Storer to improve service and to respond more satisfactorily to the Commissioners' request for more valid substantiating of the rate increase.

At the December Workshop meeting, a number of criticisms were voiced by users of Storer, adding to what has become an escalating number of complaints and concerns about the quality of service, the unsatisfactory reception, the removal of Channel 6 from Basic Service, and the often inexplicable accounting procedure of Storer.

Rehoboth Beach's television viewers are urged to forward their complaints and questions in writing to any or all members of the Commission at City Hall. In this way our elected officials can best address the concerns of all of us.

AGAIN A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR FROM YOUR PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

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