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On the date JULY 4th, 1987, we celebrate and salute the 211th Birthday of the United States of America!! And we extend to you, THE PEOPLE, all good wishes and trust that yours was a "Happy Fourth Day of July.



JUNE MEETING - RBHA . . . held in All Saints' Parish House on June 19th was well attended and we owe sincere thanks to Mr. Warren MacDonald who, very clearly and concisely, explained the findings of the Planning & Zoning Commission on both the question of merger and garage Public hearings on the matters have yet to be scheduled by the City apartments. Commissioners.

During the business meeting following Mr. MacDonald's presentation, a motion was made that the RBHA support the candidacy of Mr. Kimber E. Vought for the Office of Mayor of the City of Rehoboth Beach in the upcoming election. It was duly seconded and by voice vote carried unanimously. The names of five people: Jack Hyde, John McTighe, Mildred Reed, Jack Salin and Evelyn Thoroughgood were placed in nomination as the candidates to be supported by the RBHA for the three Commissioner positions up for election in the Annual Municipal Election to be held at Convention Hall on SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 1987. The tally of the secret ballot, that is paper ballots, revealed the winners as Jack Hyde, Jack Salin and Evelyn Thoroughgood. Emphasis was placed upon the fact that you must register in advance to be able to cast your ballot. If you have missed voting in two local elections, you must re-register in person at City Hall. Registration books will be closed as of 4:30 P.M. on FRIDAY, JULY 10, 1987. For further registration information, you may call MS. JOYCE SUTTON at 227-6181, City Hall.

The year 1987 marks the 16th Birthday of the Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association and to celebrate the occasion, a birthday cake was served at the conclusion of the meeting. The cake was a delicious novelty sheetcake beautifully decorated, in appropriate colors, of the RBHA logo as illustrated on the Newsletter letterhead. Let us wish ourselves many more "Happy Birthdays"!

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR . . . and plan to attend the next meeting of the RBHA to be held on FRIDAY, JULY 17, 1987, at 8:00 P.M., in ALL SAINTS' PARISH HOUSE, OLIVE AVENUE. FREE PARKING IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT LOCATED BEHIND THE YELLOW HOUSE ON THE CORNER. Come meet the candidates endorsed by RBHA for the Office of Mayor of Rehoboth Beach and the three people who will be supported in their bid to fill the three vacancies on the Board of Commissioners. For information, please call President Jay Smith at 227-8259.

ANNUAL DUES . . . Continuing reminder that the time for payment of your '87/'88 dues is at hand, an old fashioned bargain at \$5 a family. Also voluntary contributions continue to be requested to defray campaign expenses. Simply mail your check to the address at the top of this Newsletter. New members are cordially solicited. For information, call 227-2277. Former President Fabrizio ("Breezy") will be happy to provide Membership Applications.

PLEASE NOTE . . . the following is a Statement of Policy for the RBHA as recently adopted by the Association:

- 1. We enjoy living in a lively resort community which hosts thousands of visitors each year. But, as homeowners, taxpayers, and voters here we also cherish the traditional residential character of our City and wish to maintain and protect it.
- 2. In order to maintain this residential character, we support the enforcement of zoning ordinances protecting residential areas (R-1 Districts) from further encroachment by commercial or high-density multi-family development. We also generally support zoning which will prevent any substantial increase in population density in Rehoboth's one square mile.
- 3. We are glad to have a commercial establishment here that provides a variety of goods, services, and accommodations for residents and visitors alike. We hope that Rehoboth will continue to offer a climate that will allow businesses to prosper here. In order to maintain a desirable quality of life in our City, we also want our businesses to operate responsibly, and to comply with our ordinances concerning sanitation, noise, sign display, building code requirements, etc.
- 4. Realizing that visitors play a vital part in the life of our resort town, we wish to see them made welcome and provided with the goods, services, and recreation that attract them here. While they are here we ask that they conduct themselves properly. To this end we support enforcement of ordinances controlling personal conduct: parking, noise, group rentals, alcohol consumption, and offensive behavior in the streets or on the heach and boardwalk.
- 5. While welcoming visitors, we feel that there is a limit to the number of them that the City can accommodate at any one time and still be tolerable to residents and visitors alike. Therefore we do not favor any large-scale expansion in the number of parking spaces.
- 6. We greatly appreciate the beauties of Rehoboth: its beach cottages, it parks, lakes, trees, and open spaces. We want to maintain and protect these attractions, and to support efforts towards further beautification of the City. We also encourage the construction and remodeling of buildings that are aesthetically pleasing and harmonious with their surroundings.
- 7. As homeowners and taxpayers in Rehoboth we recognize our duty to pay a share of the cost of City government; at the same time, we expect that the financial burden will be fairly distributed among all segments of the community. Through a system of reasonable fees we expect that visitors to our community will also be asked to help pay for the cost of the recreational facilities they enjoy.
- 8. We are particularly concerned that the government of the City is in the hands of elected officials who are competent, diligent, prudent, and responsive to the wishes of the voters. Accordingly, we will continue to seek out and encourage promising people who share our views to be candidates for office, to help them to be elected, and to support their work afterwards.
- 9. We believe that our philosophy of maintaining Rehoboth as a family resort, as spelled out in this document, will ultimately benefit the entire community: homeowners, visitors, and businessmen alike. The measures that we support will assure the visitor who is attracted to our small-town atmosphere that the shady trees, the quiet residential streets, the parks, lakes, and beaches will remain as they are. The businessmen will profit by serving a dependable flow of desirable visitors who continue to return year after year.
- 10. We are prepared to work in cooperation with the City government and all people of good will in our community to keep Rehoboth Beach a family resort that will continue to be a wonderful place in which to live, work, or visit.



REMEMBER: JULY 17TH MEETING - 8:00 P.M.
ALL SAINTS' PARISH HOUSE
LAST DATE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN CITY ELECTION
FRIDAY, JULY 10TH

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