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## President's Message

Welcome to RBHA's Summer Newsletter - the 2018 Election Issue. The Homeowners' Association in conjunction with CAMP Rehoboth will be holding a Candidate Forum for the candidates for City Commissioner. The Forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, July 27, 2018, at the CAMP Rehoboth Community Center, 37 Baltimore Avenue. Please join us. For your convenience City Manager, Sharon Lynn, has graciously agreed to suspend parking meter enforcement on Baltimore Avenue between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. the evening of the Candidate Forum.

Inside this Newsletter is an article by the candidates for Commissioner. If you are not familiar with everyone who is running for office, this is a good opportunity to learn more about the candidates and what they see as the most important issues facing our City.

If you are a registered voter, please vote in this year's election on Saturday, August 11, 2018, or by absentee ballot. If you are not registered to vote, we encourage you to register so that you can participate in future City elections. Anyone who owns property as a freeholder or is a leaseholder in the City of Rehoboth Beach is eligible to register and vote in City elections - even if you vote elsewhere for national, state, and local elections. You can register to vote at City Hall during business hours. The deadline for registering to vote in this year's election is July 12, 2018.

RBHA's Fifth Annual Picnic will be held at Grove Park on Sunday, September 16, 2018. Please mark your calendars. It is a great event that you will not want to miss. RBHA will provide all of the food including an assortment of sandwiches, delicious side dishes, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and dessert. You just need to be there and have a good time.

RBHA's Annual Meeting will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday October 20, 2018, at the CAMP Rehoboth Community Center. The program will include an update on what's happening in Rehoboth by City Manager Sharon Lynn and a visit by Reverend Todd and Anna Hazzard who will delight us with tales of Rehoboth long ago. If you have participated in one of Reverend Todd's walking tours of Rehoboth - sponsored by the Rehoboth Beach Museum - then you know what a interesting program we have planned. Please join us.

Sincerely,

Charlie Browne



## Mark your Calendar for Coastal Cleanup September 15, 2018

By : Jennifer Duncan

The Rehoboth Beach Homeowner's Association is pleased to once again champion the 2018 Delaware Coastal Cleanup for Rehoboth Beach. We invite you to join us at our designated cleanup station, The Boardwalk and Wilmington Ave at 9 a.m. on September 15. There you will be asked to sign in; be given gloves, bags and data collection sheets; and span out over our beach for a few hours.

Online volunteer registration will open up in July for the annual Delaware Coastal Cleanup, to be held from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Sept. 15. Sponsored by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, the cleanup spans the First State's 97-mile eastern coastline and includes river and ocean shorelines as well as wetland and watershed areas. Volunteers are strongly encouraged to preregister at the [Delaware Coastal Cleanup webpage](#) on the DNREC website to ensure enough supplies are packed for each site.

Delaware's Cleanup is part of the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup, the world's largest annual clearing of trash from coastlines and lakes by volunteers. Hundreds of thousands of people all over the world help each year to rid the environment of marine debris and collect detailed information on the types and quantities of refuse they find. This information is recorded on data cards and forwarded to the Center for Marine Conservation, which compiles data for all of the cleanups held in the country and around the world. This information helps identify the source of the debris and focus efforts on eliminating or reducing it.

For more information about the Ocean Conservancy and the International Coastal Cleanup visit [www.oceanconservancy.org](http://www.oceanconservancy.org).

## BARK ON THE BOARDS TO BENEFIT LOCAL SPCA Saturday - October 6, 2018



**Take to the boards** Saturday, October 6 with hundreds of other animal lovers to help animals in need.

This walk and family fun day brings people and pets together to support the more than 14,000 animals in the Brandywine Valley SPCA's care each year, as well as community programs such as low-cost veterinary services and safety net resources to help families in times of need.

Activities include a doggie fun zone obstacle course for your dog, dog psychic, inflatables and other games for kids, vendors, adorable adoptables & more.

Save the date for October 6, 2018, at Lake Gerar Park in Rehoboth Beach.

Rehoboth Beach is now a "team" and is competing with other teams to garner the most donations. The more people we can get to participate the more funds we can raise for BVSPCA and help our furry friends. There will be preregistration as well as registration on Saturday, October 6, 2018. See you then.

Donations and pledges in support of the BVSPCA can be made at [bvspca.org/rescue-rehab](http://bvspca.org/rescue-rehab) or by mail to Brandywine Valley SPCA, 22918 Dupont Boulevard, Georgetown, DE 19947. Be sure to specify you are on the Rehoboth Beach team.

**RBHA Annual Picnic  
Sunday, Sept. 16 Grove Park**

MARK your calendar!

RBHA will have its Annual Picnic starting at noon on Sunday, September 16, 2018, in the Pavilion at Grove Park.

For those of you who have attended before, you know what a grand occasion it is. Good times and great food. The Annual Picnic is the perfect time to visit with your neighbors as well as get to know folks who live elsewhere in town.

As in the past, we will be inviting the Mayor and City Commissioners to be our guests as well as City Manager Sharon Lynn and Police Chief Keith Banks. This year RBHA will provide all of the food and drinks. You just need to show up and have fun. If you have guests in town for the weekend, they are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Rehoboth Beach  
City Elections**

**Saturday,  
August 11, 2018**

**10 AM – 6 PM**

**RBHA Annual Meeting**

**Saturday, October 20, 2018 - 10 a.m.**

**CAMP Rehoboth Community Center**

**RBHA – CAMP Rehoboth  
Meet the Candidates Forum**

**Friday, July 27, 2018  
6:30 p.m.**

**CAMP Rehoboth Community Center**

As we have done for the past several elections, the Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association and CAMP Rehoboth are sponsoring a Candidate Forum for the candidates for City Commissioner. The Forum will be held at the CAMP Rehoboth Community Center on Friday, July 27, 2018, starting at 6:30 p.m. and ending at 8:30 p.m.

The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. The City of Rehoboth Beach has graciously agreed to suspended enforcement of parking on Baltimore Avenue between 6 p.m. and 9 p.m.

The moderators for the forum will be Murray Archibald of CAMP Rehoboth and Charlie Browne, RBHA President. The forum will begin with an introductory statement in alphabetical order from the candidates for Commissioner. Afterwards the candidates will respond to questions from the audience. For the first 60 minutes, questions from the audience will be limited to residents of Rehoboth. The Forum will conclude with a closing statement from each of the Candidates.

**CANDIDATE  
STATEMENTS**

RBHA asked each of the candidates to submit an article for this Newsletter telling you about themselves and what they see as the three most important issues facing our City. In alphabetic order for Commissioner are the articles as submitted by the candidates on the following pages.

# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## **RICHARD BRYNE** CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

I'm running for Rehoboth Beach Commissioner because of my commitment to keeping Rehoboth Beach the welcoming, clean, safe, and friendly environment that has drawn me and my family here for 25 years.

My wife Sherri Wright and I have been Rehoboth Beach homeowners since 2002 - full-time since 2009. In addition to working out at the Y, biking, gardening and taking long walks with our dog Joey, I provide leadership on boards of directors for the Sussex County and the Delaware YMCA, the SPCA, and my HOA. Currently I chair the Rehoboth Animal Issues Committee, serve on the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Trees, and chair Rep. Pete Schwartzkopf's 14<sup>th</sup> RD Committee.

I have 30 years of leadership experience in the Extension Services at Universities of Maryland and Minnesota. I had state wide responsibility for directing and managing programs in 4-H, Family Consumer Science, and Agriculture which were collaborations of citizens, volunteers, youth, community organizations, and government agencies. I earned a B.A in Political Science, B.S. in Social Science Education, an M.A. in Educational Administration, plus 3 years post graduate studies.

If elected I commit to work collaboratively with other commissioners, the mayor, city commissions/committees, residents and businesses on important issues facing the city:

*Preserving our neighborhoods* – insure quality of life is maintained to a high standard, improve infrastructure.

*Protecting our environment*- fix the storm-water runoff problem, safeguard health of lakes, preserve green space and trees, reduce traffic.

*Promoting ethical, open, fair and transparent government* – elicit participation on issues, strengthen communication, be available.

I pledge to listen to people all over the city, take ideas and concerns to the commission, and communicate about plans and actions. I will do everything I can to support Rehoboth's historic neighborhoods, residential housing, lovely parks, great restaurants, thriving businesses, good theater, unique boardwalk, and the best beach in the country.

I will appreciate your vote on Saturday, August 11.

## **PAT COLUZZI** CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

I have been a full-time resident in Rehoboth Beach for the past 15 years. I am founder and manager of the Rehoboth Beach Farmers' Market which is now in it's 12<sup>th</sup> year. I was a RB Planning Commissioner in 2006 and a RB City Commissioner from 2007-2013 and a former Main Street Board Member. As a Board Member of the Lewes Rehoboth Canal Improvement Association, I am currently pursuing funding from the State of Delaware for the construction of a dock in Grove Park. Most recently, I was appointed by Speaker of the House, Peter Schwartzkopf as his representative on the Board of Directors of the Delaware Center for the Inland Bays.

Here are three issues that I would like to spearhead:

1. I see the increased traffic coming into town a big issue for residents and visitors. We need a multi-faceted approach to solve this problem. First, I favor an approach that promotes other modes of transportation. A bicycle/pedestrian bridge across route 1 would be a safer answer than the current red light crossings. A bike share station at the Park and Ride would give visitors another option for coming into town. I also believe that we need to come up with a new approach to parking permits. Additionally, we should investigate a public/private partnership for a parking garage outside of town with free transportation into town. We are a "walking" town. Let's make sure we make it safe for pedestrians.
2. I believe an overhaul of the tree ordinance is in order. One that maintains our tree canopy but promotes the right tree in the right place. I would also promote a plan to beautify and enhance our public parks and common public areas.
3. Lastly we need to focus on a responsible long-term plan to upgrade/replace and maintain our aging infrastructure.

### **Rehoboth Beach's Recycling Center Is Now Open**

The Recycling Center at 37540 Oyster House Road, Rehoboth Beach, is now open. The facility is open only to City of Rehoboth Beach residents and businesses. Year-round hours of operation are 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and closed Sunday and Wednesday. To gain entry to the Recycling Center residents must provide proof of residence showing a local Rehoboth Beach address and driver's license. Businesses must provide a copy of a current Rehoboth Beach business license showing physical location within the city limits. The Recycling Center is monitored 24/7. For more information, please call City Hall at 302-227-6181.

# CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

## GARY GLASS CANDIDATE FOR COMMISSIONER

I have been a homeowner and part-time resident in Rehoboth Beach for almost 20 years, and a Board member of the Country Club Estates HOA for more than 10 years. During this time, I have been a strong advocate for preserving our residential neighborhoods in Rehoboth. The commercialization of our residential neighborhoods is pushing homeowners out, and that must stop. If I am elected Commissioner, a top priority of mine will be keeping Rehoboth a place where people want to come home.

A second key issue is ensuring accountable and fiscally responsible government for Rehoboth. We have just completed two huge capital projects—City Hall and the ocean outfall—and now is the time for careful budgeting and long-term financial planning so that we can pay for those projects while continuing to improve the level of

services the city provides to homeowners, businesses and visitors. I have degrees in accounting and finance, and during my 30-year career I have worked as a cost accounting analyst, the director of finance for two non-profit associations, and in accounting, IT, and project management with a private finance company. I will bring my financial and management experience to the critical oversight and budgeting responsibilities of the Board of Commissioners.

Finally, a third important issue for me is transparency and inclusiveness in our city government. We need to do much better at listening to all points of view, and keeping people informed about what is happening in the government. This includes applying the rules evenly to everyone, and stopping the special exceptions and confidential settlements which have become too common in the Board of Commissioners. Good government is open and inclusive.

## Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Ocean Outfall Project



(l-r) GHD Principal Kelvin George, DNREC Division of Watershed Stewardship Director Terry Deputy, GHD Principal Jeff Sturdevant, Mayor Paul Kuhns, U.S. Sen. Tom Carper, Center for the Inland Bays Executive Director Chris Bason, Water Protection Division EPA Region 3 Acting Director Dominique Lueckenhoff, City Manager Sharon Lynn, Philadelphia District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Chief of Public and Legislative Affairs Edward Voigt

The City of Rehoboth Beach celebrated the completion of the ocean outfall project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, June 15, 2018. The \$52.5 million project will ensure the city's treated wastewater meets the present and future needs of the City of Rehoboth Beach and the nearby communities that rely on Rehoboth for wastewater treatment and disposal, as well as the environmental goals of the State of Delaware. Dignitaries from all levels of government cut the ribbon to dedicate the ocean outfall.



# Summary of Recent Board of Commissioners Meetings

By Jon Worthington

*The complete minutes of City meetings can be found on the City's website*

## January 19, 2018

### MONTHLY REPORTS

**City Manager's Report:** Ocean Outfall Project: Horizontal directional drilling at Deauville Beach is continuing. The installation of the diffuser was connected. Force Main Project: Closing Canal Street between Sixth Street and Rehoboth Avenue for two months to install the pit area. The City has closed out the \$18,000,000.00 loans for the City Hall Project. Soft opening of March 1, 2018 for the Convention Center.

**Street Aid Expenditures:** Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Toni Sharp to approve the Street Aid expenditures in the total amount of \$19,258.68. Motion carried unanimously.

**Main Street Liaison's Report:** Three hundred people have responded to the National Main Street survey. A report from the national consultant will be forwarded to the Commissioners as soon as it is available.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Financial update on City Hall:** The final meeting was held on January 15, 2018 with USDA for the City Hall project. There are a few punch list items that need to be completed. The total expenses for the project are in the amount of \$20,637,564.00. There have been two change orders in the amount of \$2,800.00.

**Financial update on Ocean Outfall:** The construction contract value was in the amount of \$37,300,000.00. There is approximately 8% contingency set up, construction funds in the amount of \$3,000,000.00 set up and construction management services. The total construction cost estimate is in the amount of \$44,000,000.00. Credits have been proposed to the City for significant changes to the project.

### NEW BUSINESS

Consider adoption of a resolution recommending the reappointment of Renee L. Bennett to a new two-year term as Alderman of the City of Rehoboth Beach. Glenn read the resolution recommending the reappointment of Renee Bennett as Alderman. Patrick Gossett made a motion, seconded by Kathy McGuiness to adopt the Resolution to reappoint Renee Bennett as Alderman for a two-year term. Motion carried unanimously.

## February 16, 2018

### MONTHLY REPORTS

**City Manager's Report:** City Hall Project: Working on punch list items, specifically the new sidewalk to be replaced, on February 19, 2018. Convention Center will reopen on March 1, 2018. Force Main Project: Sixty linear feet of pipe has been installed along State Road, and 80 linear feet of pipe has been installed along Henlopen Ave-

nue. The CIP and the effluent pump station at the wastewater treatment plant: The refurbished clarifier is in service, and the punch list items have been done.

**Street Aid Expenditures:** Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Kathy McGuiness to approve the Street Aid expenditure in the amount of \$9,536.96. Motion carried unanimously.

**Main Street Report:** Main Street is working on the Main Street America work plans, partners and members sign-up, beautification, the Executive Director search, new member and sponsor packages and renovating the new office.

**City Solicitor's Report:** An appeal has been filed by Richard Forsten, Esq. in Superior Court, for the Beach Walk project case. The named defendants are the Commissioners of the City of Rehoboth Beach and the City of Rehoboth Beach Planning Commission.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Financial update on Ocean Outfall:** The ocean outfall project has had weather delays and horizontal directional drilling concerns. The pipe and diffuser section have been laid on the ocean floor. Planning and preparation have begun for land-based improvements. The total change order cost for the ocean outfall project is \$1,854,494.23.

**NEW BUSINESS:** There was none.

## March 16, 2018

### MONTHLY REPORTS

**City Manager's Report:** The Force Main Project: the crew is working on Canal Street towards Rehoboth Avenue. It is anticipated that this section of work will be completed in approximately two weeks. Approximately 4,500 linear feet of pipe has been installed.

The Ocean Outfall Project: The horizontal directional drilling contractor has two shifts working 24 hours per day, 7 days per week at Deauville Beach. The contractor is continuing installation of the pipe casing and will tow the pipe from Lewes to offshore this weekend. Divers will connect to the drill string, and pipe pullback is estimated to be completed in one day.

The capital improvement program and the effluent pumping station at the wastewater treatment plant: The contractor is continuing installation of the second clarifier. The contractor has poured the roof slab of the wet well in the effluent pumping station. That structure is 100% complete. City contractors will be performing street tree pruning starting next week. The goals are to provide clearance over streets and sidewalks and to maintain the health of the City's trees.

**Street Air Expenditures:** Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Toni Sharp to approve the Street Aid expenditures in the total amount of \$9,463.86. Motion carried unanimously.

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## March 16, 2018—continued

**Street Air Expenditures:** Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Toni Sharp to approve the Street Aid expenditures in the total amount of \$9,463.86. Motion carried unanimously.

**Main Street Report:** Main Street America provided a composite of the main issues facing the downtown area and provided the strategic planning through transformation strategies for Rehoboth Beach to the Commissioners. The Beautification Committee of Rehoboth Beach Main Street requested to make a presentation to the Commissioners at a future date.

### OLD BUSINESS

**Financial update on City Hall:** There are remnants of construction going on in the east parking lot. There have been no changes in the last month regarding a financial update. The last total presented was in the amount of \$20,663,000.00.

**Financial update on Ocean Outfall:** Total invoices paid out is approximately \$19,000,000.00. The estimate total for this project is approximately \$43,000,000.00. Including the change order credits, this leaves approximately \$16,500,000.00 to pay out depending on how the contracts go. The County portion of this is approximately 42%.

### NEW BUSINESS

**Adoption of City Budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019:** The budget presented to the Commissioners was a balanced budget in the amount of \$21,341,951.00. Changes were: 1. The parking permit revenue decreased by \$60,480.00 2. \$5,500.00 added to the fire donation under contributions for the meal for the emergency responders, fire department, police department and others who work the July 4th holiday. 3. Additional \$20,000.00 placed into the salary line item for the Police Department lieutenants. 4. An adjustment on payroll taxes increase amounted to less than \$10,000.00. 5. The Police Department awarded 3.5% salary increase through contract negotiations. 6. A projection of a \$20,000,000.00 wastewater expenditure for capital projects. The budgeted number is \$21,341,951.00.

-In the future, monthly financial reports on the overall status of the budget and approved capital improvement projects will be presented to the Commissioners. Between April 1st and September, the Commissioners will put together priorities and funding for the capital improvement program. A Special Meeting may be held in April 2018 to start the budgeting process.

-Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Toni Sharp to adopt the budget in the amount of \$21,341,951.00 for fiscal year April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

-Consider adoption of an ordinance amending Chapter 92 relating to parking rates, restrictions and enforcement measures: Discussion on the proposed amendments to Chapter 92 ensued as to the length of buses and where they are allowed to park, and where seasonal transferrable parking permits can be used. Deferred to a Special Meeting on March 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. The proposed changes are: 1. The current seasonal transferrable parking permit would also be available for Deauville Beach. 2. Delete Subsection (E) and revert back to the other provisions in Section 92-263 regarding the weekday and weekend daily parking fees. 3. Clarify the language for the length of vehicles in Subsection 92-264. 4. Parking areas for buses.

-Adoption of proposed Convention Center rates and pavilion and park fees to begin 2019: The proposed Convention Center, pavilion and park fees would become effective January 2019. This item was deferred to the Special Meeting on March 23, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

-Discuss and possibly implement program for tributes and/or certificates of appreciation: Citizens have asked that the City does tributes or certificates of appreciation or recognition. The certificates would need to have a set criteria, format, purpose and metrics to be signed by the Mayor and Commissioners. There was discussion of who would determine the criteria and whether or not this matter may also include benches, flags at half-staff, plaques, stones, etc. Information will be gathered from other municipalities and will be presented to the Commissioners at a later date.

-A suggestion was made that the City Arborist be present at the Committee's meeting to review the concept of a memorial tree and possibly make a recommendation to the Commissioners for approval.

-Approval of members of Mayor's Advisory Committee on Trees: Suggested members of the Committee would be Sturges Dodge, Susan Gay, Richard Byrne, Kathryn Downs, Jeffrey Trunzo, Francis Markert, Elise Burns, Andrea Hoffman and Terri Eskew. Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Kathy McGuiness to approve the nine members identified for the Mayor's Advisory Committee on Trees. Motion carried unanimously.

## April 20, 2018

### MONTHLY REPORTS

**City Manager's Report:** The Ocean Outfall Project and the water line work continues on Henlopen Avenue. The contractor is working offshore finalizing the trench for the pipe. Pressure testing of the diffuser has been completed. The entire outfall project is expected to be completed before May 23, 2018. The results of the online tree survey will be presented to the Commissioners this spring 2018 and will be available on the City website

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## April 20, 2018—Continued

**Street Aid Expenditures:** Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Kathy McGuiness to approve the Street Aid expenditure in the amount of \$9,492.53. Motion carried unanimously.

**Main Street:** Working on insurance, bylaws, setting up the office space, setting up committees and creating a work plan, hired an interim executive director, and working on beautification and identifying grant opportunities. The Board decided on the best strategies from the national consultant to implement in the City. Presented the proposed streetlight pole banners for the Commissioners to review. The next phase would be sidewalk banners with downtown events and civic opportunities. There was consensus of the Commissioners to move forward with ordering the 31 banners.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Bandstand/Convention Hall/Special Events:** Committee is focusing on opportunities with the master calendar and the City dock rates and fees if this project moves forward, having a tourism director to run the events in the Convention Center, work with existing employees, run a master calendar and be the point person for events.

**Boardwalk & Beach to include presentation:** Work on proposals by the Beach Patrol and Police to designate an emergency lane on the beach, a continued analysis of alternative trash collection methods on the Boardwalk, creating a bike lane for safe traveling on the Boardwalk, restroom cleanliness, review proposed bicycle signage on the Boardwalk, placement of bicycle racks, review types of wheeled vehicles on the Boardwalk and review rules on the Boardwalk signs with respect to timeline restrictions.

**Law Oversight:** City Arborist Liz Lingo provided a presentation on planning, drafting and evaluating the urban forest and how the ordinance will perform. There should be development of a comprehensive management survey and the development of a community forest management strategy. Discussion ensued as to the Commissioners being made aware of potential topics placed on Committee agendas. Oversight is the Commissioners' function. The mission statements of the Committees will be voted on at the Special Meeting on May 1, 2018.

**Mayor's Advisory Committee on Trees:** The Committee met and will be presenting a commemorative tree program to the Commissioners at the May Workshop Meeting.

**Personnel:** The Committee has been working on two processes to institutionalize them. (1) To review and provide feedback to the City Manager on her performance, (2) the City Manager's goals for FY 2018/2019. Four goals were laid out for the City Manager along with a priority measure that will be reviewed on a quarterly basis with the City

Manager and Commissioners. The four goals are (1) the City to stay clean, safe and hospitable to all stakeholders, (2) formulate, execute and monitor the budget and the CIP and schedules, (3) continue to work on organization, staffing and strategies that result in a workforce with high morale and (4) improve on a proactive communication strategy for the City to all stakeholders.

**Streets & Transportation:** The Committee's projects have been signage and suggestions for the Grove Park bicycle path, snow removal and crosswalks and sharrows. Discussion: when the Committee has recommendations, it should present them to the Commissioners for approval.

**PERMIT OF COMPLIANCE HEARING :** Request by Ray Kurz to operate a new restaurant with a patio to be known as "Curvee Ray". Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Toni Sharp to grant a permit of compliance for the operation of a restaurant and a supplemental permit of compliance for the operation of a dining patio to be associated with the restaurant to Ray Kurz for the restaurant at 236 Rehoboth Avenue. Motion carried unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Jay Lagree to approve the appointments of Stephen Shaeffer and Lisa Schlosser as new members of the Bandstand/Convention Hall/Special Events Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Kathy McGuiness to approve Cheryl Crowe as a new member of the Animal Issues Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and possible vote on placing Rental Licenses online: It was recommended that in addition to the rental list being placed on the website, the building permits should also appear on the website in the future. Stan Mills made a motion, seconded by Toni Sharp to authorize the City Manager to place rental licenses online. Motion carried

Discussion of feeding wild animals: Emails have been received regarding a feral cat issue in the City. Under Chapter 88, Article V, abandoned or feral cats, the animal control officer or the City Manager or their designee, may apprehend any abandoned or feral cat running at large and cause said animal to be transported to the SPCA in Georgetown DE. Nothing prohibits the use of a trap/neuter/return program by any person or group of persons. Proper management would be for the Animal Issues Committee to review this issue and the code for possible amending or other action deemed necessary.



# City News Briefs

By Stan Mills

## **OCEAN OUTFALL COMPLETED**

The City of Rehoboth Beach celebrated the completion of the ocean outfall project with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on Friday, June 15, 2018. The \$52.5 million project (cost-shared with Sussex County) will ensure the city's treated wastewater meets the present and future needs of the City of Rehoboth Beach and the nearby communities that rely on Rehoboth for wastewater treatment and disposal, as well as the environmental goals of the State of Delaware.

The City of Rehoboth Beach was required, under the terms of a consent order from the Dept. of Natural Resources, to eliminate the discharge of treated effluent from the Rehoboth Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant into the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal. The city, after detailed studies and the evaluation of all options, pursued an ocean outfall in order to comply with that order.

"We have been working to take all point source discharge from the Inland Bays for a long time. With the completion of this outfall, this has stopped. The Rehoboth Beach ocean outfall was the best solution," said Sen. Tom Carper. Center for the Inland Bays Executive Director Chris Bason said the ocean outfall is a benefit to the bay and all who use it.

Mayor Paul Kuhns thanked the community for their support, patience, and understanding during the construction project. "Today is a milestone for the City of Rehoboth Beach that is a result of a collaborative planning effort that has spanned nearly a decade and required demanding work and coordination by many partners.

As of May 23 the plant has been pumping treated effluent through the ocean outfall redirecting discharge from the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal.

## **REHOBOTH ELEMENTARY ART EXHIBITION**

Rehoboth Elementary 5th graders are the contributors to a current art exhibition at City Hall. The impressive show features iPad photographs from students who spent the last several months outside classroom walls. They used mobile technology as a learning and creation source capturing images in the city. The students work will remain on display in the City Hall atrium through July 27. Exhibit hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Come see local photo art. It's colorful and free!

## **NEW DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS WELCOMED ABOARD**

Kevin Williams, new Director of Public Works for the City came aboard at the end of May. Kevin oversees four departments —Water, Wastewater, Building and Grounds, and Streets Departments —along with Capital Improvement Projects related to said departments. Previously, Kevin served as an engineering consultant with O'Brien & Gere in Washington D.C. working on large-scale municipal utility projects. "Kevin's extensive experience in the public works field combined with his outstanding service will serve the city well" says City Manager Sharon Lynn. Kevin is a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point. He retired as a Colonel after 26 years in uniform. Following his military career, Williams joined the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers working on military construction and civil works planning projects. "I look forward to the new challenge the position offers, and I believe my experience and leadership approach will blend well within the department," Kevin said. Williams is married with two daughters and two grandchildren.

# City News Briefs

By Stan Mills

## **CONTRACTOR PARKING PERMITS**

Prior to this summer's parking season going into effect the Commissioners amended city code by removing free parking for service vehicles and instead required that all service and construction vehicles feed the meters or display a valid parking permit. This action was taken in response to citizen complaints about service and construction vehicles consuming on-street parking spaces and not having to pay to park.

## **NEW CHARTER BUS RULES**

The Commissioners adopted new rules for charter buses effective this summer. Citing the congestion caused by charter buses using the end of Rehoboth Avenue at the Restrooms (in the median at the Bandstand) the drop off and loading location was changed to the parking lot at city hall. At this location there are two paid bus parking spaces as no buses are permitted to park on the street in the City. Buses also may not be left running while parked in the reserved parking spaces mirroring a "No Idle" resolution adopted by the Commissioners in years' past.

## **REHOBOTH DRAWBRIDGE WORK STARTS IN FALL**

The Delaware Department of Transportation will begin working on the Rehoboth Drawbridge on Rehoboth Avenue over the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal in the fall of 2018 and be complete by fall 2019. The existing drive system of the drawbridge is outdated and needs mechanical and electrical upgrades and structural repairs. Addressing these issues will extend the life and improve the operation of the bridge. This project involves repairs to the steel grid deck and concrete deck, steel superstructure repairs, repairs to the alignment system, and minor repairs to the existing substructure. There will be occasional lane shifts and detours at night. Detours will only be done outside the peak summer tourist season.

## **MUNICIPAL ELECTION AUGUST 11**

The Annual Municipal Election for the City of Rehoboth Beach is being held on the second Saturday in August from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. in the Convention Center located in the Municipal Building at 229 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, Delaware.

At such annual election, every natural person, male or female, who shall have attained the age of Eighteen (18) years and who shall be a resident, freeholder or leaseholder, and who is registered on the Books of Registered Voters of The City of Rehoboth Beach shall have one (1) vote. If you would like to review the election provisions of the City's Charter, you may do so by going to the City's website, [www.cityofrehoboth.com](http://www.cityofrehoboth.com). For questions or other information regarding the annual election, please contact Ms. Donna Moore at 302-227-6181, ext. 108.

## **VOTER REGISTRATION**

If you meet any of the above qualifications and are eligible to vote in annual elections, you must appear in person at City Hall to complete a voter registration card. Please bring your driver's license or a photo ID with you.

If you miss two (2) consecutive annual elections, your name will be removed from the voter registration list. You will be notified by registered/certified mail and you must appear in person at City Hall to re-register to vote. The deadline for voter registration is the close of business on Thursday, July 12, 2018.

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## **ABSENTEE VOTING**

You can vote by absentee ballot. An affidavit must be completed and filed no later than noon on August 10, 2018. You may obtain an affidavit by going to the City's website, [www.cityofrehoboth.com](http://www.cityofrehoboth.com), or by calling City Hall at 302-227-6181, ext. 108 to request an affidavit be mailed to you.

PLEASE RETURN AFFIDAVITS TO: City of Rehoboth Beach, 229 Rehoboth Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

You MUST COMPLETE the left column of the Affidavit. Please read the other two (2) sections, and only complete one (1) section. (Complete the section which pertains to WHY YOU WILL BE ABSENT FROM THE POLLING PLACE the day of the Election)

Absentee ballots will be available forty-five (45) days prior to Election Day on June 27, 2018. Ballots will be sent to everyone who has an approved affidavit on file. The deadline for the City to mail Ballots is the last Tuesday prior to the Election on August 7, 2018. Ballots MUST be received by mail or in person before the Polls close on the day of the Election.

## **SEASONAL ORDINANCES**

Please remember the city has ordinances that change seasonally. As of the time you receive this email: dogs are not permitted to be on the beach or boardwalk at any time until September 30, bikes are allowed on the boardwalk during the hours of 5 a.m. and 10 a.m. only through September 15 and no right turn on "the Avenue" until after summertime.

## **YEAR ROUND ORDINANCE REMINDERS**

Only umbrellas with a circular shade no greater than 8' in diameter and a central pole no greater than 7'6" in height are permitted on the beach. Baby tents up to 36" high x 36" wide x 36" deep used to shade infants and small children are permitted on the beach. All other tents, canopies, etc., are prohibited on the beach. Fire pits, open flames and cooking devices of any kind are prohibited on the beach. Also, smoking on the boardwalk, beach, bandstand area in entirety and in parks are prohibited except in designated smoking areas identified by signage and smoking butt urns.

## **REACH OF ACCESSIBLE BEACH MATS EXTENDED**

For many years the two ADA compliant dune crossings at Maryland and Laurel Avenues have utilized specialized mats to allow those with walking disabilities or in wheelchairs to access the beach. In response to the popularity of these mats, the city is installing more mats at other locations, such as at Baltimore and Delaware Avenues. Although the dune crossing locations other than at Maryland and Laurel Avenues are not ADA compliant, the additional mats are proving easier for everyone to navigate the sandy and sometime steep dune crossings.

## **CITY WEB SITE UPDATED DAILY**

Commissioner Mills gleaned some of the information above from the city web site. For similar news stories and press releases updated frequently please go to the city web site at [www.cityofrehoboth.com](http://www.cityofrehoboth.com).

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Question, Hear, See &  
**Meet the Candidates**  
running for city office  
Annual RBHA/CAMP  
Forum  
Friday, July 27, 6:30 PM  
**Please Join Us!**

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### RBHA Calendar 2018

**Saturday, December 30, 2017**

9 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**February**  
No Meeting

**March, 24, 2018**  
9 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Saturday, April 21**  
10 AM General Membership Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Saturday, May 19**  
9 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**June 16, 2018**

9 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Saturday, July 21**  
9 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Friday, July 27**  
Candidate Forum  
6:30 PM  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Saturday, September 1**  
9 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Sunday, September 16**

Noon  
RBHA Picnic in Grove Park

**Saturday, October 20**  
10 AM Annual Membership Meeting.  
CAMP Rehoboth  
RBHA Board Meeting  
(to follow Annual Meeting)

**November**  
No Meeting

**Saturday, December 29**  
9 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

All meetings are open to the public. CAMP Rehoboth: 37 Baltimore.