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## President's Message

Welcome to RBHA's first Newsletter for 2019 as we look forward to another season in our delightful beach town. Among other things, in our Spring Newsletter you will find articles on the dedication on Steve Elkins Way and Rehoboth Blooms and an article by Gary Richman entitled "It Pays to Buy Local". In this issue we are starting a new column called *Our Members Speak*, an article compiled from letters sent by our members to our City Commissioners and/or RBHA.

At our Spring Membership Meeting in April, we started with an overview of the Rehoboth Canal Dock Project by Commissioner Pat Coluzzi and an update on RB Main Street by RB Main Street President, Ed Chrzanowski. Our speakers were City Manager Sharon Lynn and Public Works Director Kevin Williams. In case you were not at the Spring Meeting, a brief summary of Sharon's remarks can be found in the article on the RBHA Spring General Membership Meeting. In addition, there are articles by Pat and Ed on the Dock Project and RB Main Street.

Toward the end of 2018 the Board elected Susan Gay as RBHA Vice President and welcomed two new members: Elise Burns and Bob Lawrence. Thank you to everyone who contributed articles to this Newsletter. Thanks to all of you for renewing your RBHA membership for 2019. If you overlooked your dues notice, please let this be a reminder. And, if you have not yet filed your taxes, remember that membership in and donations to RBHA are tax deductible. Or save that thought for next year.

Our next Newsletter will be published in July. If there is a contested City election (that is, if more than two individuals run for the two City Commissioner seats up for election in August), our Summer Newsletter will feature articles from all of the candidates for City Commissioner. We will also sponsor, in conjunction with CAMP Rehoboth, a candidate forum to be held at the CAMP Rehoboth Community Center. The tentative date for the Candidate Forum is Friday, July 26, 2019.

Enjoy the Spring Newsletter!

Charlie Browne

## Our Members Speak

An Article Compiled from Letters Sent by our Members to City Commissioners and/or RBHA

A new feature! RBHA members often write to us and to City Commissioners. We thought it might be useful to share some of their thoughts with all of you. Three recent communications are below.

The Commissioners recently voted against giving Agave restaurant a license to use city property to store its trash cans and propane tanks. Before the vote, Jan Konesey sent a letter, excerpted below.

“There is no valid reason for new construction not to be code compliant. There is room on the property to house dumpsters and propane tanks, as evidenced by the fact that Agave has submitted 2 plans , one code compliant and one not. . . . There isn't a single person or business in Rehoboth who has exactly what they want, but we all make compromises to live and work in Rehoboth Beach. Maintaining the character, the charm and the sense of place that Rehoboth provides is well worth it.

Rather than giving another business backing up to Wilmington Ave a license, we ought to be working on cleaning up what's there. It is an eyesore. The irony of a potential license for this new construction, is that all of the residences, located on that block of Wilmington Ave, would be fined if they left their cans outside before and after trash pick-ups.”

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Former board member and resident Jennifer Duncan sent this note to the Mayor & Commissioners:

“Why, in the world are we paying for recycling when nothing is really being recycled? How about stop that, save some money and ban plastic bags, plastic straws, plastic cups and Styrofoam. Here is a city opportunity, create your own bags and sell them! Like they do in Europe!”

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The topic this year that has generated the most correspondence was the proposed transfer of the Wastewater Treatment Plant to Sussex County back in January. On the basis of overwhelming reactions against the plan from citizens, it has been put on hold, and a Utility Rates Working Group formed to study and recommend new water and wastewater rates. Those rates are expected to be announced this summer.

One letter, sent to the Commissioners in January, articulates well the factors that concern many of our members. This excerpt is from the letter by Charles and Nancy Marvin.

“Large water/sewer service users (restaurants, hotels, rental houses with 5+ bedrooms/bathrooms/pools) rely upon and benefit directly from the wastewater system to a much greater degree than do any small users, as reflected by their substantially higher use levels. Indeed, were there substantially fewer large commercial users, the city system would not require the substantial throughput capacity that it currently does and, correspondingly, it would be less expensive to construct, operate and maintain.”

**The Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company Annual Fundraiser starts the end of June.**

Please consider a donation.

For more information 227-8400 or [rehobothbeachfire.com](http://rehobothbeachfire.com).

Mailing address: 219 Rehoboth Avenue

All RBVFCo fundraising activities are conducted by mail.

Be wary of anyone soliciting by phone.



## Rehoboth Blooms - by Cindy Lovett

By the time you read this, hopefully all 30 planters are planted and beautiful!! Thanks to the generosity of businesses and local folks, we have reached our goal to pay for the planters and flowers in them. We have a team in place, both organizational folks and hands-on volunteers. Interestingly, the largest portions of our volunteers come from communities outside of downtown Rehoboth. This is something I definitely didn't see coming, apparently Rehoboth is their town also!

Our self-watering EarthPlanters don't require pouring water on the top of the soil; the 23 gallon reservoir simply needs to be "topped off" weekly with a couple of gallons of water. This will keep the flowers beautiful, even though the hottest part of summer.

With support from the City, fifteen downtown businesses on first block of Baltimore, Rehoboth and Wilmington Avenues are hosting the planters. Each contributed \$75 toward the soil and flowers, please stop by and thank them.

While we don't have enough planters in 2019 for all who volunteered to get their hands in the dirt, hang in with us! There are other important tasks we need help with like fundraising for fall and winter displays and for 2020! If all goes well, next year we hope to add 50 more planters at \$550 each...well you can do the math. Down the road we hope to plant some beds and "beautify" other areas in downtown Rehoboth. We have a Fundraising Committee set up which is looking for volunteers.

**And some fun news** ----There is now a "click to donate" to RIB!! Just visit Rehoboth Beach Main Street's website at [www.downtownrb.com](http://www.downtownrb.com) and click on the link, super cool! (Think about joining RBMS while you are there!)

Bear with us this year; we aren't going to be perfect. We have brainstormed as many potential issues as we could identify to make things go smoothly, but 2019 is a learning experience for all of us, Think Big but Start Small!!



## What Will Rehoboth Look Like in 10 Years - by Susan Gay\*

The state-mandated revision of the Rehoboth Beach Comprehensive Development Plan is underway! The Planning Commission is currently finalizing a survey that will go to residents, visitors, and businesses seeking input on transportation, city services, environment, economic development, land use, quality of life, and other issues.

Then, over the summer this year and through the fall, a series of public workshops is planned to seek input on key topics, all revolving around the central idea of envisioning an ideal future for Rehoboth Beach.

RBHA has been an active contributor to previous Comprehensive Development Plans (last major revision done in 2010) by making recommendations that are consistent with our mission of preserving quality of life and fostering the spirit of community. We expect to actively participate in development of the 2020 Plan, but we need YOUR input!

Be on the lookout for the survey and announcement of public workshops.

\*Disclosure: Susan Gay currently serves as Vice Chair of the Rehoboth Beach Planning Commission, in addition to her role as Vice President of RBHA.

# RBHA Spring Membership Meeting

April 20, 2019

The Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association held its Spring Meeting on Saturday, April 20, 2019, in the Community Center at CAMP Rehoboth. A large number of RBHA members arrived early to visit one another and enjoy pastries and coffee. By the time the meeting started, it was nearly standing room only with extra chairs being brought in.

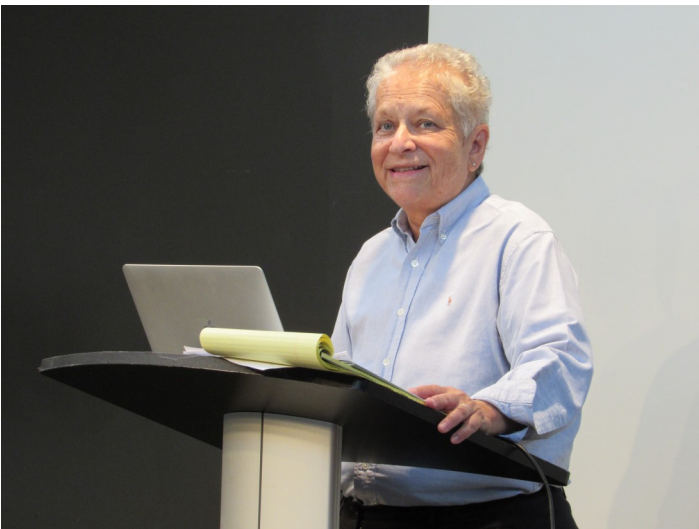


2020 budget that included a Power Point presentation prepared just for the RBHA on where the city's revenue comes from and how it is spent. (Please see the article on the adjacent page for a summary of Sharon's presentation.) Public Works Director Kevin Williams (below) talked about the rate study and why increases in our water/sewer bills are necessary.



The meeting began with RBHA President Charlie Browne welcoming everyone to CAMP's Community Center. Following the Treasurer's Report and the introduction of RBHA Board members and distinguished guests (our city commissioners) the program began. Our featured speakers were City Manager Sharon Lynn and Director of Public Works Kevin Williams. Additional speakers included Commissioner Pat Coluzzi and Rehoboth Beach Main Street President Ed Chrzanowski.

Ed Chrzanowski of Main Street talked about the changes coming to RB Main Street including membership opportunities for individuals as he encouraged RBHA members to become a "Friend of Rehoboth Beach Main Street". Commissioner Pat Coluzzi gave an update on the Rehoboth Beach Canal Dock Project. (Articles by Ed and Pat summarizing their remarks are found elsewhere in this Newsletter).



Everyone agreed that the Spring Meeting was one of our best and most informative.



City Manager Sharon Lynn (above), our keynote speaker, gave members an overview of the City's

RBHA members always come early to have coffee and enjoy one another's company

# RBHA Spring Membership Meeting

## City of Rehoboth FY 2020 Budget

As presented by City Manager Sharon Lynn at the April Meeting  
Summary by Charlie Browne

City Manager Sharon Lynn, the featured speaker at our April meeting, gave members an excellent overview of the FY 2020 City budget. For those of you who were not able to join us, here is a brief summary of her remarks.

The total budget revenue for FY 2020 is \$24,326,614. The major source of income at 23.4% is parking revenue. Below is a breakout of the City's major sources of revenue.

\$5,680,500 (23.4%) – parking	\$1,416,300 (5.8%) – licenses and permits
\$4,986,634 (20.4%) – wastewater	\$1,010,643 (4.2%) – other tax
\$3,296,332 (13.6%) – water	\$ 845,460 (3.5%) – interest & rents
\$2,002,500 (8.2%) – property tax	\$ 842,000 (3.5%) – refuse revenue
\$2,000,000 (8.2%) – rental tax	\$ 195,000 (0.8%) – fines
\$1,600,000 (6.6%) – transfer tax	\$ 57,000 (0.2%) – Miscellaneous

The FY 2020 operating expense budget is \$20,365,010 and the 2020 capital budget is [\\$3,961,604](#) for a total of \$24,326,614. Below is a summary of the major items in the operating budget. Expense categories less than 1% of the budget are not listed below include the bandstand, parking permit expenses, communications, street grants, police grants, treasurer and assessors, alderman, and recreation and tennis.

\$4,184,218 (20.5%) – wastewater	\$ 655,990 (3.2%) – beach patrol
\$2,919,182 (14.3%) – police department	\$ 555,173 (2.7%) – IT expenses
\$2,396,684 (11.8%) – streets and refuse	\$ 491,508 (2.4%) – building & license
\$2,184,652 (10.7%) – water	\$ 378,015 (1.9%) – building & grounds
\$2,110,018 (10.4%) – administration	\$ 317,681 – (1.6) – parks
\$1,312,463 (5.5%) – parking meters	\$ 228,500 (1.1%) – comfort stations
\$ 986,400 (4.8%) – GF debt service	\$ 269,367 (1.3%) – mayor and commissioners
\$ 678,302 (3.3%) – 911 dispatch	

The capital budget of \$3,961,604 is for improvements and/or replacements. Streets and refuse will be getting the largest portion (37.7%) which will provide, among other things, a new trash truck, city-wide paving, BigBelly trash cans, Lake Avenue Streetscape Phase II, and a salt shed. Building and grounds at 19.7% will be rehabbing the Delaware and Baltimore Avenue restrooms, doing boardwalk shower tower conversions, and adding railing at the bandstand. The police will be getting a replacement truck and patrol car and portable radios. Wastewater is replacing a vehicle and a sludge pump and getting a sewer vacuum truck. The IT department is replacing aging computers and its copier. The water department is replacing two vehicles and water meters in North Shores. The Parking Department will be upgrading its software and adding 46 kiosks.

Sharon concluded with a look at the impact of the 2019-20 property tax increase. For a house currently taxed at \$600 a year, the increase will be \$300. For a house currently taxed at \$1,200, the increase is \$600 a year.

RBHA would like to thank Sharon for taking the time to put together such an informative and understandable presentation on how money comes into our City and how it is spent.



# Grove Park Dock Project

By Commissioner Pat Coluzzi

Rehoboth Beach and Lewes community leaders have long envisioned docking systems on the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal, from which boat passengers may safely access their downtown areas.

That vision is now becoming a reality. The new *Grove Park Dock Project* is the first step in canal front improvements for Rehoboth Beach, and a key element of a “water highway” transit system stretching from Milton, Delaware to Rehoboth Bay.

## Project Benefits

*Public docking at the canal will accommodate:*

**Water Taxis** - running on regular schedules to serve local residents, and visitors

**Touring Vessels** - bringing customers to Rehoboth Beach restaurants, theatres, stores, breweries, museums and seasonal events

**Water Craft** - canoes, kayaks and paddle sports, combining exercise and recreation

**Family Boating** - creating drop-off and pick-up points for boaters from Milton, Lewes, Dewey Beach and Longneck

**Educational Tours** – a departure point for birders, environmentalists and students

All of this will bring more foot traffic and business to downtown Rehoboth Beach and Lewes stores and eateries, while helping to relieve automotive congestion.

The new Grove Park Junction will feature a series of descending ADA-compliant concrete walkways, leading to a boardwalk and a 60’ floating dock. Benches and floral planters will be installed at each level.

The dock will be used for passenger loading and unloading. A special ramp will accommodate ease of launching and retrieving canoes and kayaks.

The upper Grove Park level will feature bicycle racks, restrooms and nearby stops for buses and trolleys, to support a multi-modal transportation system.

Signage at the park and dock will alert visitors to scheduled bus, trolley, water taxi and touring vessel departure times.



Grove Park Dock Project - continued

### **The Coastal Water Highway**

Coastal Delaware is home to a unique water highway linking the communities of Milton, Lewes, Rehoboth Beach, Dewey Beach, Longneck and beyond.

Effective use of this asset for alternative transportation has remained largely untapped. The missing piece has always been infrastructure, to provide safe and easy access for boat passengers to municipal areas along the waterway.

The central component of this water highway will soon be built at Grove Park, below the Rehoboth Beach Museum and drawbridge. This will create an immediate link with the existing Lewes Canalfront Park docks.

Like the fast growing coastal bike trails system, the new water highway will provide a scenic option for transportation. As summer traffic between the various coastal communities becomes increasingly challenging, these alternative modes will grow in popularity and use.

Future "water highway" projects will include planning for new public docks in Milton and Dewey Beach.

For seasonal visitors, trips along the canal will be a unique vacation experience, bringing more traffic to municipal areas where boats can dock.

## **It Pays to Buy Local**

By Gary Richman

You, as a homeowner in Rehoboth Beach, are the single strongest determinant of the future of Downtown Rehoboth Beach. Every time you spend a dollar, depending on where you spend it, you strengthen or weaken your own town.

Buying local keeps money circulating within the city economy. According to the Michigan State University Center for Community and Economic Development, for every \$100 you spend in a national chain, \$57 leaves the community. The same \$100 spent in an independent local business only sees \$27 leave the community. The remaining \$73 is mostly invested by that specialty store in local employees, their families, and contributing to your tax base.

Don't the outlets pay substantially more taxes to Sussex County than to the City of Rehoboth Beach? According to the Andersonville Study of Retail Economics, local businesses generate a substantial town income premium over chain corporations. More money spent in your city's economy leads to providing more crucial small-town infrastructures, including our storm drains, sewage treatment, and city police and fire departments.

Although chain stores are generous givers to national non-profits, the study also found that local businesses are substantially larger donors to smaller nearby charities. In some cases, local causes cannot exist without local funding. When an independent craftsman loses too much business to an outside chain store, the first budget cuts tend to take big bites out of the smaller store's local philanthropic giving.

Perhaps the greatest positive impact your shopping dollars have is on the preservation and expansion of "one-of-a-kind businesses", your favorite shops and cafes that greet you with a smile or a handshake and treat you like a favorite aunt or uncle. The inventory and services are built around your preferences, and not a national marketing plan. Those owners and employees are your friends and your neighbors, genuinely glad to see you. You might not think about it, but when you go out on Route 1 for shopping and dining, instead of Rehoboth Avenue, Wilmington Avenue, or Baltimore Avenue, you disenable that favorite store and its employees. You diminish the very character of the community you cherish and moved here to enjoy, by the amount that you didn't spend here.

Do a good deed for your friends, your neighbors, and yourself. Buy locally; dine in town, and keep your dollars in this city. Use your wallet and your pocket book to keep downtown Rehoboth Beach known for its reputation as a premier place in which to enjoy a quaint, unique, and memorable experience in your most-loved shops, offices, restaurants, and your one- of- a- kind beach town experiences.

# Rehoboth Beach Main Street

By RBMS President, Edward Chrzanowski

Led by an eleven-member Board of Directors, and with the assistance of 60 plus volunteers, Rehoboth Beach Main Street, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization composed of downtown businesses and residents, put together a remarkable number of programs, events and activities from June 2018 – May 2019 which promoted downtown Rehoboth Beach as a year round beach town with a vibrant commercial area benefiting the businesses and residential community.

Design and beautification activities included a *Sign & Awning Matching grant program* for commercial businesses, a *2018 Banner program*, the *2019 Cottage & Town Awards*, and the implementation of the *Rehoboth in Bloom* project. The *Summer 2019 Banner program* and a *This Place Matters* Instagram campaign to celebrate the month of May as Preservation month begins soon.

The *Fall into Main Street Open House*, the inaugural *Run for the Vets 5K* and the celebrated return of the *Community Unity Dinner* were some of 2018 special event highlights.

To assist downtown businesses, Rehoboth Beach Main Street partnered with the Small Business Development Center to offer “*Learn How to be Seen on Google!*”, the first workshop of a quarterly workshop series and arranged for University of Delaware students to conduct surveys of local residents and businesses as well as sponsored a “*Meet & Greet*” *Downtown Business Mixer*.

The Rehoboth Beach Main Street website experienced a “redo”, a new membership program was implemented, and the organization received its 2018 National Main Street accreditation.



The Rehoboth Beach Main Street, Inc. Board of Directors and its volunteers look forward to implementing more events, programs, workshops and projects as 2019 continues.

If you would like to learn more about the Rehoboth Beach Main Street organization and its programs or are interested in volunteering to serve on one of its four committees, please do not hesitate to contact the Rehoboth Beach Main Street office at 302-227-2772 or email [lorraine@downtownrb.com](mailto:lorraine@downtownrb.com). Please make sure to visit our [downtownrb.com](http://downtownrb.com) website and like us on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.



# Dedication of Steve Elkins Way

By Charlie Browne

A large, if somber, crowd gathered at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4, 2019, for the dedication of Steve Elkins Way – the beautifully landscaped walkway between Second Street and the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center. The dedication ceremony under threatening skies began with remarks by Commissioners Dick Byrne and Lisa Schlosser on how the naming of Steve Elkins Way came about - noting that the proposal to dedicate the walkway to Steve was one of the few things ever to come before the City Commissioners that passed unanimously and without discussion. This was followed by remarks from Mayor Paul Kuhns and Delaware Speaker of the House Pete Schwartzkopf. The Mayor talked about the impact Steve and Murray had made in Rehoboth through CAMP Rehoboth. Speaker Schwartzkopf told the story of when he first met Steve when he was first running for the House of Representatives and how Steve interviewed him on what he knew about LGBT issues as their meeting began. This began a multi-year collaboration for LGBT rights in Delaware that culminated with the passage of marriage equality in 2013.



Next Fay Jacobs reviewed the history of Steve and Murray's leadership in changing Rehoboth from a town opposed to gay and lesbian neighbors to one that embraces them - pointing out what a marvelous place Rehoboth is for everyone as a result. The program concluded with remarks by Steve's husband, Murray Archibald. In remembering their occasional energetic discussions on running CAMP Rehoboth, Murray said that Steve would be pleased to have finally gotten "his Way". The unveiling of the Steve Elkins Way Signage followed a tribute to Steve by the CAMP Rehoboth Chorus Ensemble as the first drops of rain began to fall. Then everyone dashed to CAMP for a celebration reception.



A Bench on Steve Elkins Way is Dedicated to former RBHA Secretary Chuck Donohoe

## City Briefs

By Commissioner Stan Mills

### SEASONAL ORDINANCES

Please remember the city has ordinances that change seasonally. As of the time you receive this newsletter: 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 left turn on “the Avenue” until after summertime.

### WANTED! VOTERS AND CANDIDATES.

The Annual Municipal Election takes place on Saturday, August 10, 2019, with voting from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the Convention Center. To be eligible to vote you must register on or before July 11, 2019 unless you already are registered. Any qualified elector may request an absentee ballot to vote by filing a request for an absentee ballot form no later than 12:00 p.m. the day before the election, Friday, August 9, 2019. Certain requirements must be met to vote absentee.

Two (2) seats for City Commissioner will be contested. The terms of office are three (3) years for each position. Candidacy for elective offices shall be by petition filed in the City Manager’s office on or before 4:30 p.m. Monday, June 3, 2019.

For more information, please refer to the City Charter, available online at [www.cityofreboth.com](http://www.cityofreboth.com), or contact Donna Moore at 302-227-6181, ext. 108.

### ARBOR DAY CELEBRATES TREES

“As a long-serving Tree City U.S.A. in Delaware, the City of Rehoboth Beach, Mayor’s Advisory Committee on Trees (MACT), and community members joined students to celebrate Arbor Day by planting an oak tree ... outside the Rehoboth Elementary School. Students continued the celebration [the next day] at City Hall with an Arbor Day Art Reception with support from MACT and Rehoboth Art League’s Exhibitions Director Nick Serratore. This year’s theme, sponsored by the Delaware Forest Service, was Trees are Terrific in Cities and Towns – chosen to highlight the numerous benefits of trees in community settings. The student’s artwork will be displayed in City Hall through May.”

### SAFE DISPOSAL OF UNWANTED DRUGS

Improper disposal of unwanted drugs can contaminate water systems and the environment, endanger people and lead to misuse of drugs. While the Rehoboth Beach Police Department participates in advertised “National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day” events,

our police also receive unwanted drugs every day of the year. It is free. It is anonymous. Simply take your unwanted drugs to the police station for safe disposal.

### “KEEP DE LITTER FREE” LAUNCHED IN REHOBOTH BEACH

Governor Carney, along with many local and state dignitaries, students and environmental advocates, recently launched “Keep DE Litter Free,” a statewide campaign encouraging Delawareans not to litter and to help clean up outdoor spaces.

### BETTER THAN REGULAR TV PROGRAMMING

You can now watch all your favorite City Commissions, Committees and Boards on your computer monitor. See and hear the action live-streamed in real time or watch at your leisure any time you desire. You will even see presentations, presenters and members of the public as they make comments to the meeting participants. So how do you find the videos? From the City website access the Legislative Portal (greenish box on right side of Home page) and then select your desired meeting from the calendar in the top right of the page. When the meeting agenda pops up select “Video” at the top of the agenda. You can stop it, rewind it/replay it, pause it. So cool!

### CALL FOR MURALISTS!

The City is seeking design concepts for a coastal-themed mural. The canvas is the wall near the entry to the Convention Center and which is in full view by all in the east parking lot and the focus of all who travel on The Steve Elkins Way headed west. This is a paid gig! Application deadline is June 1. For more information: [coastalmural.artcall.org](http://coastalmural.artcall.org)

Your Mural Goes Here



# City Briefs

By Commissioner Stan Mills

## CDP

A 10-year review and update to the city's Comprehensive Development Plan is underway under the auspices of the Planning Commission. Expect solicitation by the PC of survey responses and requests for feedback. Your input is important!

## CANAL BANK IMPROVEMENTS AND DOCK

Significant grant monies have been awarded this project but the Commissioners have yet to formally vote on moving forward with the project. Additional updates to this project are expected at the June 10 Commissioners' Workshop with a potential vote at the Regular meeting of June 21. Your feedback is encouraged. (Dates tentative – check website.)

## LAKE AVENUE PHASE TWO

Phase Two of the Lake Avenue streetscape project seeks to improve pedestrian and vehicular traffic flow in the area bounded by Maryland and Olive Avenues and Second and Third Streets. This project would be performed in two phases sequenced to avoid construction in the tourist season with initial construction starting in early 2020 and second phase completion of the roadway improvements project expected prior to summer 2021.

## PARKING GARAGE — YEA OR NAY?

A Parking Garage Task Force has been formed to evaluate whether or not a new parking garage is needed, and if so, what questions need to be asked before moving forward. They have met only once so stay tuned. The potential placement of the garage if realized would be in the existing parking lot east of convention hall and behind the fire company building.

## PARKING DIRECTION IMPORTANT

Our summer parking enforcers will be using new technology this summer in the form of license plate readers which will be linked to a select grouping of new parking meters that track usage with the input of license plate numbers. License plate readers operate most efficiently when enforcers can drive along the roadway while pointing the reader at license plates on the rear of vehicles. And as not all cars have front license plates, there is a need to have cars "front-in" so their rears with the plates face into the roadway. "Head-in parking only" was deleted from the code within the last decade or so and currently is being considered for reinstatement. Look for signage if the rules change.

## RESTROOM RENOVATIONS

By the time summertime begins we'll all want to go... to see the newly renovated public restrooms at Delaware, Rehoboth (at the bandstand) and Baltimore Avenues. Work is underway and is expected to be completed prior to Memorial Day. Additionally, several of the foot showers along the commercial section of the boardwalk are being replaced with taller shower units in order to reduce wait times and resultant long lines.

## ADA IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETED MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT

Significant reconstruction of the sidewalk and curbing was recently completed to bring two sidewalk sections where First Street and Baltimore Avenue intersects into compliance with the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). While other sidewalk sections throughout the commercial areas had been brought into ADA compliance over the past decade plus, this section of sidewalks proved the most challenging to remediate because of too steep slopes which prevented wheelchairs and those without good balance the ability to navigate without instead traversing the area by using the roadway. Thank yous go to our state legislators Senator Lopez and Representative Schwartzkopf for funding this project.



ADA Compliant Sidewalk at 2nd and Baltimore

## WATER AND WASTEWATER COMMITTEE HARD AT WORK

This committee has met often and still is working on recommendations for any changes to the water and wastewater fee structures in order to keep the operations of our plants efficient and solvent. Stay tuned.

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## Rehoboth Beach Homeowners' Association Newsletter

**MAY 2019**

### **RBHA Calendar 2019**

**Saturday, December 30, 2018**

9 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Saturday, February 16**

10 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**March**

No Meeting

**Saturday, April 20**

10 AM General Membership Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Saturday, May 25**

10 AM Board Meeting  
Rehoboth Library

**Saturday, June 15**

9 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Saturday, July 20**

9 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Friday, July 26**

Candidate Forum  
6:30 PM  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Saturday, August 31**

9 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**Sunday, September 15**

Noon  
RBHA Picnic in Grove Park

**Saturday, October 19**

10 AM Annual Membership Meeting.  
CAMP Rehoboth  
RBHA Board Meeting  
(to follow Annual Meeting)

**November**

No Meeting

**Saturday, December 28**

10 AM Board Meeting  
CAMP Rehoboth

**All meetings are open to the public.**