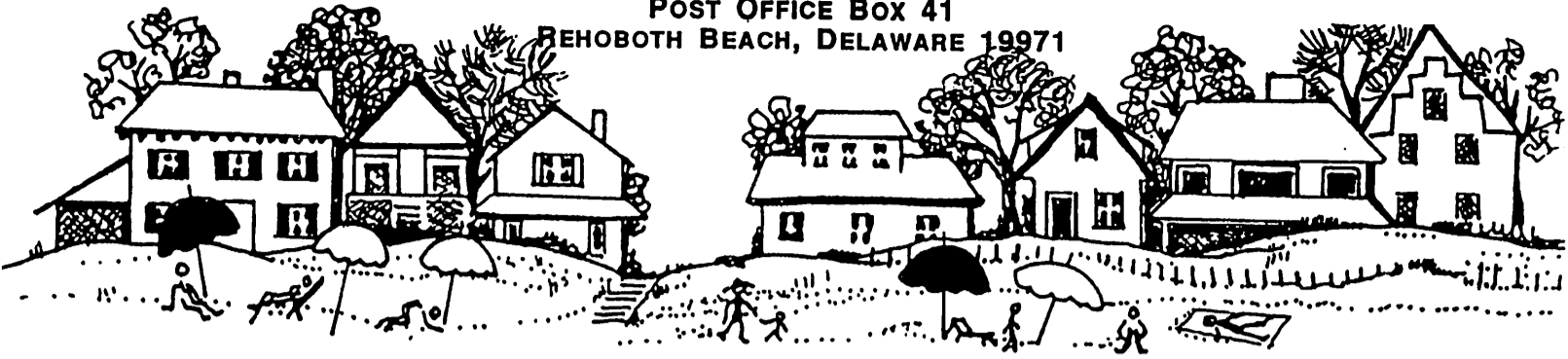


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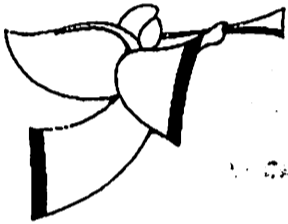
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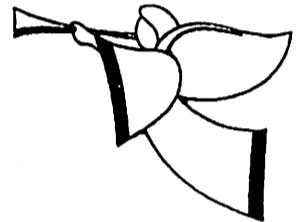
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Season's Greetings



CHRISTMAS IN REHOBOTH . . . Those of us who are here only in the summer miss seeing the impressive show our little community puts on at Christmas. Rehoboth Avenue is decorated from one end to the other with garlands and lights, and Christmas music plays from speakers located up and down the street. On November 29, the day after Thanksgiving, the annual ceremony was held for the lighting of the great Christmas tree located at the bandstand. It is so brilliant at night that it surely must be visible from ships miles out at sea. Also particularly striking are the five Christmas trees mounted on floats on Lake Gerar and Silver Lake, so that at night their lights are beautifully reflected in the water.

Once again this year, the RBHA is a sponsor of the Rehoboth Beach Christmas Parade held by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Rehoboth Beach Fire Company. Unfortunately, the parade, originally scheduled for December 2, had to be cancelled due to inclement weather. As of this writing, the rain date has not been announced.

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CHRISTMAS DECORATING CONTEST . . . Following the tradition started last year, there will again be a Christmas Decorating Contest sponsored jointly by the RBHA and the Rehoboth Beach Downtown Business Association. Judging will be on Friday evening, December 13, beginning at 5 p.m. First and second prizes will be given to commercial establishments with the best window treatments and the best building decorations; and to residences with the best front door, yard, house, and overall presentation. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, December 18, and the awards will be presented on Saturday, December 21, at the Brighton Suites.

We hope many of our members will participate and will also drive through the city to see the innovative decorations. Last year seven RBHA families won prizes. This is a happy example of the RBHA and the business community working together for the benefit of the entire city.

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OCTOBER ANNUAL MEETING . . . At the annual meeting on October 19, the membership voted to accept the slate of candidates proposed by the Nominating Committee, and the following people were elected to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors: Francis J. Fabrizio, James A. Harty, Carol C. Lingo, Charles W. Kenworthy Sr., and Mildred B. (Billie) Shields. We welcome these new members and we know they will contribute effective leadership for the Association.

REHOBOTH CHIEF OF POLICE, Creig W. Doyle, was the featured speaker for the occasion, and delivered his address in his usual energetic and animated style, spiced with bits of humor. He informed the audience of three important requests the Police Department would soon be presenting to the Commissioners.

- A request for funding for the position of Detective, which the City has not had for 14 years. To demonstrate the need for this position, the Chief noted that between January 1988 and September 1991 there were 2,636 criminal offenses in Rehoboth which have not been investigated or solved, including major offenses like armed robberies, kidnappings, assaults, burglaries, etc.
- A request for funding for the position of Lieutenant to function as second in command, so that officers on the street will have adequate supervision at all times.
- A request for funding for five additional seasonal patrolmen, so that there will be coverage on Rehoboth Avenue and the Boardwalk in the early hours of the morning.

The Chief also stated that he hopes to institute a Neighborhood Watch program before long.

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OCTOBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING . . . At the regular meeting on October 21, and at a special meeting on October 28, the major item under discussion was the proposed revision of the Restaurant Zoning ordinance. This revision is based on suggestions offered by the Committee to Study Establishments Selling Alcohol, which was established last summer. The revised ordinance would place certain restrictions on restaurants selling alcohol: restrictions on the space devoted to the bar area, the dining area, the use of patios, and the overall size of the establishment. These restrictions have been strongly opposed by the City's restaurateurs.

As a result of their deliberations, your board voted to submit a letter to the Commissioners, supporting the ordinance and suggesting a ratio of 80% dining area and 20% bar area, with an overall limitation on the size of the establishment of 5,000 square feet. The letter also mentioned that, "The regulations contained in the proposed ordinance are a logical extension of the "Bar Bar" ordinance which received such wide support."

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ARE YOU REGISTERED TO VOTE? . . . A change in the City Charter now permits **ABSENTEE BALLOTING**. Any registered voter who wishes to vote by absentee ballot must appear in person at the City Manager's office, not more than 45 days prior to the day of the election (August 8 this year), to file an affidavit. A ballot will be mailed to you and must be returned not later than noon the day before the election. Be certain that you are eligible to vote by making sure you are registered. You can register any weekday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at City Hall.

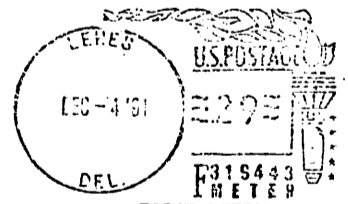
RBHA members should also be aware of some other changes in the election procedures which are now in effect:

- The deadline for registering to vote is changed from the second Friday in July to the second Friday in June.
- The length of time you must be a resident here in order to be eligible to vote is changed from three months to six months.
- The filing date for candidates for office is changed from the first Saturday in July to the first Saturday in June.

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MEMBERSHIP DUES . . . Bills are enclosed for 1992 membership dues which are now payable, except for those members who joined after October 1, 1991. Please make prompt payment so that the work of the Association can go on, and so that your voice can be heard through the Association in such matters as the current controversy over the restaurant ordinance.

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