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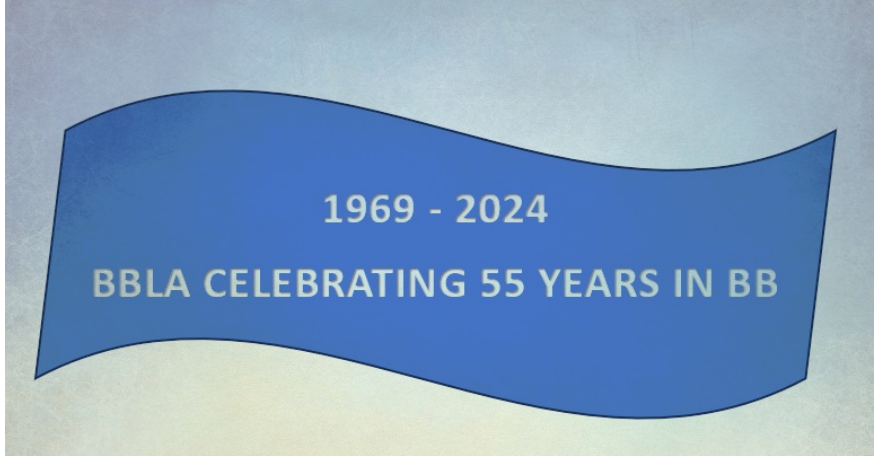


Have a wonderful Thanksgiving
and enjoy the December Holidays
until we meet again in the
New Year!!!



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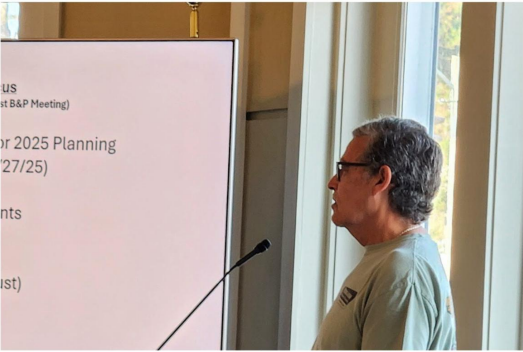
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Around Town:



BBLA Board Members Working for You:



Town Committee on Bicycle & Pedestrian Safety Public Workshop Held on 10/24/24

- Reviewed 2025 Areas of Focus

BBLA's Board Covering Meetings Around Town & Regionally



- Exec. Director Mary Louise Embrey covers Town Council mtgs and other pertinent Workshops & Committee mtgs

- Solicited ideas generated by BB property owners
- Numerous property owners provided ideas/suggestions for safety improvement
- Numerous BBLA members participated - including Carlos Gonzalez (depicted above)
- Committee (including newly appointed member Bob Cavallo) is processing the input as planning continues for 2025



BB Trolley Takes Part in Sussex County's "Return Day" Parade in Georgetown on 11/7/24

- RETURN DAY is a tradition in Sussex County for over 200 years
- State Law in 1791 removed the County seat from Lewes along the Coast to the more geographically centered site - later named Georgetown
- The law required all votes to be cast in the new County Seat on election

- Board Member Chip Smith - also serving on the Town Committee for Stormwater and Flooding - attended a "Resiliency" Workshop on 11/19 aimed at Delaware plans for local adaptation needs - area coastal Towns were workshop participants - featured speaker was Danielle Swallow - DE Sea Grant expert on coastal hazards - [Read More](#)
- Board Members Patrick McGuire & Mary Louise Embrey attended the 11/19 Sussex Preservation Coalition - many elected and newly elected officials were in attendance - Guest Speaker Dave Edgell - Director of the State Planning Coordination Office discussed the [2024 Annual Report](#) - important information on the over development of Sussex County

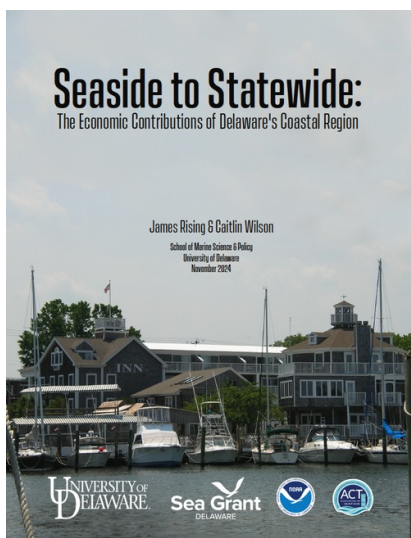


day

- The voters would then "return" two days later to hear the results - hence the name
- Elected officials from all of the State come to Georgetown to celebrate the election process and witness the ceremonial "Burial of the Hatchet"

Sussex County Council Will Have 3 New Members in January 2025

- 2 of the 5 incumbents up for reelection are being replaced by newcomers who ran unopposed after winning their primary races: Matt Lloyd (R-District 1) and Steve McCarron (R-District 2)
- Jane Gruenbaum (D-District 3) defeated incumbent Republican Mark Schaeffer (Lewes) in the general election
- Bethany Beach is located in District 4 represented by Doug Hudson
- [READ MORE](#)



Welcome BBLA's Newest Board Member - Ray Tilch

- Ray was appointed to the Board by BBLA President Kathy Sierra at the 11/8 Board Meeting
- Ray is the past president of the Bethany West HOA
- Hit the Home Page "[Contact Us](#)" button if you are interested in becoming a Board Member



BBLA 2024 Civic & Charitable Donations:

CHARITABLE

DELAWARE BREAST CANCER COALITION

\$1,000 to train local mentors who follow breast cancer patients on their journey from diagnosis through treatment and beyond

CIVIC

- DE CENTER FOR THE INLAND BAYS (CIB)

\$1,000 for the Pilot Program "Bays to Backyards (B2B) Community Engagement Program" - Funds will support the purchase of supplies for

New Report on the Economic Contributions of DE's Coastal Region

- "Seaside to Statewide: The Economic Contributions of Delaware's Coastal Region"
- Univ. of DE Sea Grant update of a 2012 study shows significant growth and development over the 12 year period - impacting the significance of DE's coastal economy
- Important information like: "...the coastal region plays a critical role in sustaining Delaware's tax revenue streams, contributing over a billion dollars annually..."
- [READ MORE](#)



The Holiday Season is Upon Us
Check out all the [December Activities](#) BB Has In Store for You!



community recognition efforts which include formal signs featuring the program's "Bay-Friendly Community" logo as well as educational resources. Funds & provide essential supplies for communities to implement their B2B activities, such as native plants to enhance neighborhood spaces

- FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH COASTAL LIBRARY (BEACH & BAY COTTAGE TOUR)

\$1,000 for the Beach and Bay Cottage Tour – major source of fundraising to support the library and its many programs

- SUSSEX PRESERVATION COALITION

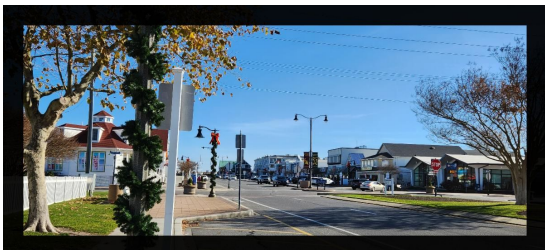
\$1,000 for support of the Coalition's education, advocacy, & policy efforts to promote resiliency, sustainability, and climate adaptation in Sussex County; and to preserve natural habitats for the well-being of all Sussex communities



For Participating in BBLA's Year-long Celebration Photo Submission Activity

Sights & Scenes During This Great Time of Year in Bethany Beach!!

Below is a Collage of BB "flashes from the past" & Your Family Memories (collage will also be housed on the [BBLA website](#))



Who Would Have Thought???
November Beach Goers Enjoying the Warm Sun



VISIT & THANK BBLA'S
Most Recent GROUP OF
BUSINESS AFFILIATES



WHERE: 6 N Pennsylvania Ave
ABOUT:

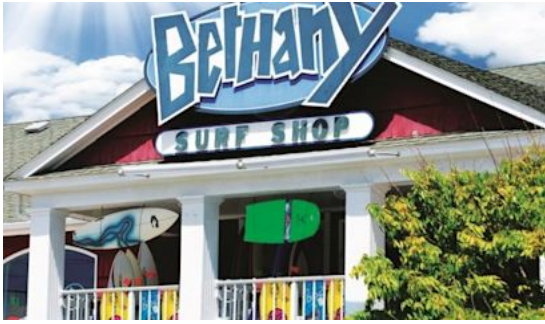
Synonymous with the imagery of comfort food—barbecue holds those southern roots that speak of connection and comfort. Blues' is devoted to their innovative spirit in and out of the kitchen
visit [HERE](#) for more info



WHERE: STEEN'S-On the Beach

ABOUT:

Beach Umbrella & Chair rentals on the beach in Bethany Beach & Fenwick Island, DE and Ocean City, MD



WHERE:
99 Garfield Parkway

ABOUT:
Since 1980 - the premier destination for all your surfing, bodyboarding, skim-boarding, and stand-up paddle board needs while visiting Bethany Beach
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WHERE: 99 Garfield Parkway

ABOUT:
Located in one of the oldest BB buildings - premier gift shop since 1976 - "something for everyone in every price range"
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