

BBLA Beach News
October 2019

Action Needed

- The survey from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) on potential dredging projects (as described in our August edition) is still open. Please click [here](#) to participate in their short survey. Click [here](#) to view condensed responses from the BBLA Board.

Around Town

- Town Council (TC) election was held on 9/7/19 – click [here](#) for listing of the current Town Council members.
- DNREC’s Shoreline & Waterway Management Section conducted the first of three informational public open house workshops in Bethany Beach at the South Coastal Library on 10/23/19. The events have different informational stations set up to educate the public about dredging and other waterway management operations in Delaware. Future workshops will be conducted on Oct. 30, 5-7:30 p.m., at the Indian River Volunteer Fire Company Hall, and on Sunday, Nov. 3, 1-3:30 p.m., at the Lewes Library.
- Highlights from the 10/18/19 Town Council Meeting:
 - Presentation on “Sunny Day Flooding” (occurred in early October) due to multiple factors (i.e.: Nor’easter stalled at sea, full moon, high build up in tide water). To stay up-to-date on current conditions in Town, click [here](#). To view the video and presentation from the meeting, click [here](#).
 - TC voted to proceed with the purchase of the Walcek property - last large parcel of open space and wetlands in Bethany Beach. This purchase is in line with the Town’s intent to lessen tidal flooding by preventing further development of wetlands (consistent with the Town’s earlier purchase of the 20 acres surrounding the Nature Center). Item will be discussed again at the November TC meeting subsequent to review of survey and environmental assessments. Click [here](#) for BBLA’s letter of support for the property purchase. More information on flooding issues can be found [here](#).

FYI

- The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) will be implementing their pedestrian safety lighting plan along Rt. 1 from the northern limits of Bethany Beach to South Bethany. In November, the Town Council will discuss the possibility of supplementing the project by upgrading the 31 new light poles to a decorative design. Work will occur during the spring of 2020. Regarding crosswalk safety needs, DelDOT is committed to studying the issues in the near future.
- Construction on the Town’s “Central Park” is on schedule. Completion is projected for the spring of 2020. Click [here](#) to see the plans.
- The remodel of the Town Guard House and Comfort Station (public restrooms building) is in a planning stage. It will be refurbished; however, it is not cost

- effective to be enlarged at this time. The Town will strategically place 8 porta
johns to accommodate beachgoers.
- The Association of Coastal Towns (ACT), with seven member towns from Lewes to Fenwick Island, released the "Coastal Municipalities Impervious Surface Coverage Report." The report summarizes community strategies to limit impervious surface coverage (by concrete and asphalt, for example) and thereby reduce storm water runoff and related problems. To review the report, which is under consideration by the Bethany Beach Planning and Zoning Commission, click [here](#).
 - BBLA Communications Director Position – the position closes on October 30th. The job description and qualifications are posted [here](#).
 - The historic Dinker-Irvin Cottage has had preview openings this Fall. A complete opening of the Cottage, which will also house the Town Museum, is expected for 2020.

