

BBLA Beach News

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*Serving BB Property Owners
for Over 55 Years*



BBLA is accepting applications for Civic and Charitable Donations - Applications Deadline: **November 6th**

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on behalf of Bethany Beach
property owners

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Around Town:

**BBLA Board Members
Working for You:**



**TOWN COUNCIL
SPECIAL
ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING TOOK
PLACE THE
MORNING OF 9/18/26**

- The 4 Council Members unopposed for their seats were sworn in for new 2 year terms
- Mayor Ron Calef (pictured) & the other officers are continuing in their positions
- Read about the Town Council [HERE](#)

**RESOLUTION re NATURE
CENTER TRAIL EXTENSION
APPROVED AT 8-21-26 TOWN
COUNCIL MEETING**

- The Town will proceed with applying for a State Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails grant application for \$60,000 for a "Feasibility Study of Completing the Baldwin Trail"
- A sole-source contract with Pennoni Engineering was also announced if the grant is awarded
- If the grant is obtained, a feasibility study would be conducted to consider the construction of an extension of the Baldwin Trail into forest and wetlands at the Bethany Beach Nature Center (807 Garfield Parkway)
- The existing trail, as part of the Nature Center, goes through forest and over wetlands/marsh was completed in 2002 as a recreational and educational amenity for residents and visitors -



**PLEASE RESPOND TO
BBLA's QUICK POLL**

Member Opinions Impact Our Work
-- Click [HERE](#) to Respond to the Question About:

**Possible extension to the elevated
walkway trail at the
Nature Center**

August Quick Poll Result

Question Concerning:
**Participating in a late Fall Dine &
Donate in BB**

Of the 55 respondents - **60%**
***indicated they are interested in
participating***

**BBLA's Board Around Town &
Regionally**



provides a safe platform for enjoying the forest, marsh, and open water habitats

- Town Manager explained this effort as an implementation of an original “Phase Two” plan from 24 years ago
- A link to the full resolution is [HERE](#) – Town Council Vote is recorded [HERE](#) at 1:05 in the video
- Information on the existing trail can be found [HERE](#)
- The BBLA Board will monitor the progress of this newly announced project to keep property owners aware and informed of the public comment opportunity should the process advance



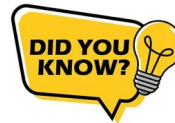
**BB Has Been the Place to Be
in
SEPTEMBER 2026!!!**

FOUNDERS DAY Celebrations for the Town's 125th Anniversary were Something to "Write Home About!!!"



Sussex County Moving Forward

- Board Member Chip Smith covered 9-8-26 Sussex Preservation Coalition Meeting - focused on Geological Issues & Development of a New Sussex County Comprehensive Plan - [READ MORE](#)
- Climate considerations must be integrated throughout Future Land Use, Mobility, Conservation, and Housing elements (Title 9, Chapters 26, 49, 69)

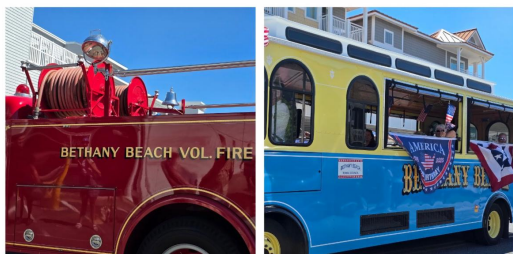


Bethany Beach has posted a [2026 Sea Level Rise Study](#)

BBLA Recognized for Support of Bays to Backyards Program

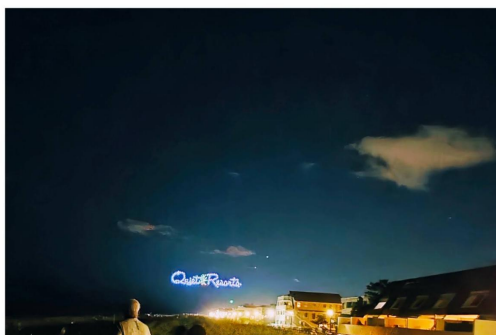
- Lisa Swanger from the DE Center for the Inland Bays presented the ***Bays to Backyards Program*** at the [9/18 BB Stormwater & Flooding Committee mtg](#)
- Encourage your HOAs to look into this beneficial [program](#)





Independence Day Parade:

- Governor Meyer with Mayor Calef
- Cars - Trucks - Trolleys ... OH MY!



Welcome BBLA's New Business Affiliate:

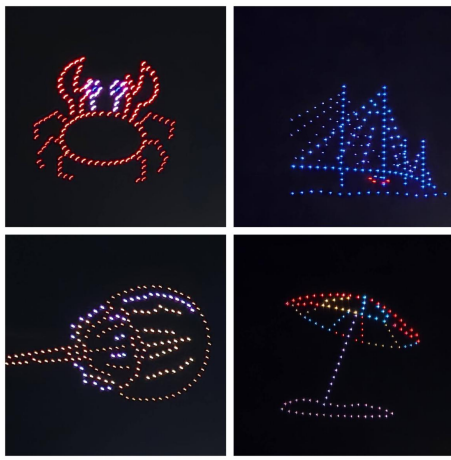


BBLA Hosts "Legacy Members" at the Historic Addy Sea



Many Thanks to Addy Sea's Andrew Turczyn and Mark Bauernhuber for their generous sense of community and support!

**Nor'easter Taking a Toll
on BB - Town Closed the Beach
until 9/28/26**



SPECTACULAR Drone & Fireworks Display



41st Annual Bethany Beach Jazz Funeral



Storm watching on the dune in Bethany Beach on Sept. 23, 2026.
Shannon Marvel McNaught, *Delaware News Journal*



Downtown Flooded





***A Passport to the Past
at the Dinker-Irvin Cottage***



**"Tales the
Tombstones
Whisper:**

**Understanding the History
of Cemeteries"**

- 5:00 in Town Hall - 10/13/26
- Sponsored by CHAC - Cultural and Historical Affairs Committee



***Flooded Streets at the
Villas of Bethany West***

**BBLA Has Posted an Updated
Presentation:**

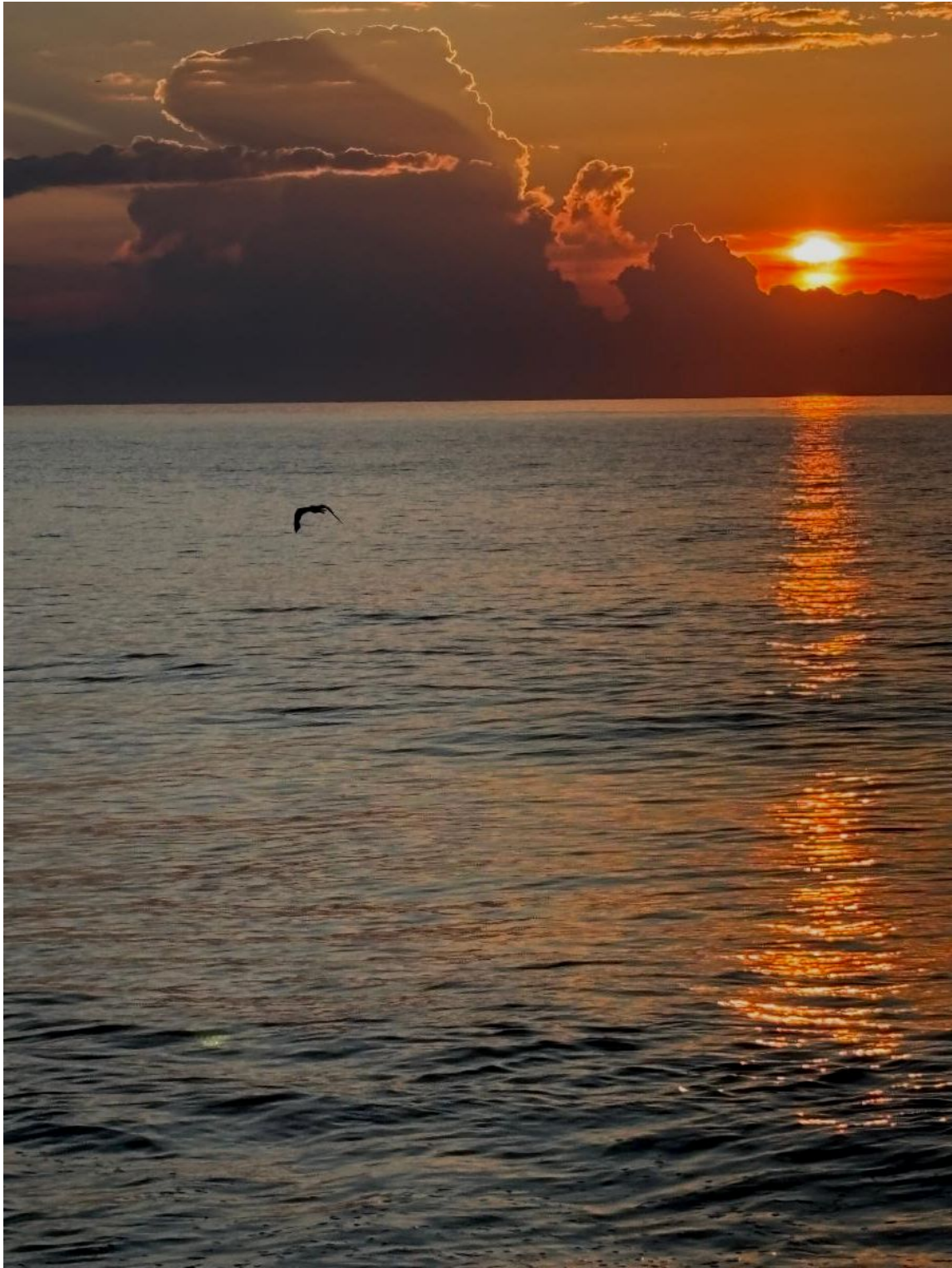
***Nuisance/Sunny Day Flooding &
Proposed Bladder/Steel Dam &
Flood Gate(s) Project***

- Click [**HERE**](#) for this timely informational piece
- Prepared by Board Member Chip Smith - who has extensive field expertise on this issue



Beautiful BB Sunrise!

(many thanks to Art Diver for getting up early)



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





WHERE:
Bethany Beach

ABOUT:
Transforming dreams into reality for over 25 years - commitment to quality craftsmanship, attention to detail, and client satisfaction has made CRANE Builders one of the most trusted names in custom construction -- From luxury custom homes to comprehensive renovations - every project is approached with the same dedication to excellence

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WHERE: 99 Ocean View Pkwy

ABOUT:
The historic Addy Sea Oceanfront Inn features twelve individual guest rooms with private baths
Visit [HERE](#) for more info

Lucid Project

ABOUT:
Lucid Project (est. 2018) is a DE-based marketing agency, founded by Bethany Beach local, Conor McMullen - works with everyone from small, family-owned businesses to large corporate, education, and NGO partners (The Wharton School, Bacardi, etc), helping them drive meaningful ROI for their organizations

visit [HERE](#) for more info



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: 99 Garfield Parkway

ABOUT:
Located in one of the oldest BB buildings - premier gift shop since 1976 - "something for everyone in every price range"
visit [HERE](#) for more info

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