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BBLA Beach News

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ACTION NEEDED



- Stay informed of **new information** re U.S. Wind Project and DNREC's Shoreline Management (see below)
- BBLA 2024 Membership Drive is Underway -- Thanks to those who have renewed! **TO REMAIN A BBLA MEMBER - [RENEW NOW!!](#)**



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Holiday Happenings 2023 - Better Than Ever!





2024 Marks BBLA's 55th Year!

- Read the 12/28/2023 [Coastal Point article](#)
- Participation encouraged in future celebratory events

Decorations galore throughout the Town - Many **THANKS** to BB for great end of the year festivities!

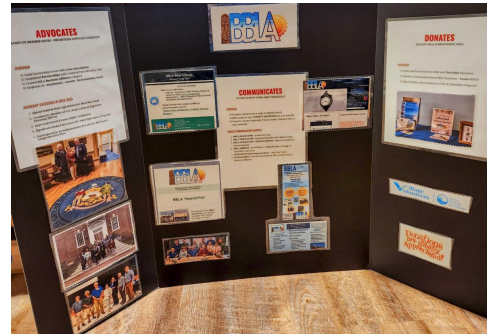


NEW YEAR'S EVE BOARDWALK FUN - GOODBYE TO 2023

BBLA & Partners Working Together to Address Sussex County Issues



Board Members exhibited the BBLA poster at the Sussex Preservation Coalition event on 12/10/23 - State Senator Huxtable also attended



BBLA Information Session Held at South Coastal Library on 12/11/23

Glenn Marshall, Special Operations Manager for Sussex County Emergency Services, provided important information to BBLA members and area associations/coalitions - BB Mayor Hardiman and Sussex County Councilmember Hudson were in attendance
Click [HERE](#) for EMS info



"Hair of the Dog" New Year's Day Polar Plunge



Delaware Tree at the Washington,
DC Ellipse - decorated by **Sussex
County** Middle School Students
&
Town of Bethany Beach **Boardwalk**
Christmas Tree



Board Members Held Discussions with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) and DE Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Control (DNREC) re Back Bay Study

Status Report:

- team has developed a more refined understanding of flood issues and the constraints that will shape potential solutions in the future
- both DNREC and USACE focused the team's energy on critical infrastructure and underserved communities
- **initial study budget determined insufficient to proceed without first pausing to evaluate alternatives**
- flood risk surrounding Delaware's Inland Bays is widespread and exacerbated by multiple factors like poor drainage, low ground elevation, and coastal storm vulnerability
- USACE developed some composite data sets that highlight where social vulnerability, flood risk, and critical infrastructure overlap
- team started to investigate the root causes of flooding in order to better craft conceptual solutions or systems of solutions that were aimed at mitigating coastal storm flood risk and included features like seawalls/flood barriers, shoreline improvements, and structure elevation
- next step - pick solutions and carry them forward for engineering analysis to determine their feasibility - technically and fiscally - benefiting the public more than it costs the public - in order to



qualify for federal implementation funding

- DNREC remains committed to supporting flood-vulnerable communities through multiple programs, and hopes to help develop pragmatic flood mitigation solutions that communities can implement in the future.

Click [HERE](#) for more info

Town Council Held Special Meeting 1/12/24

2-fold Purpose:

1. Discussion regarding a Community Benefits Agreement being offered by the US Wind Corporation to Bethany Beach and other Delaware coastal communities
2. Discussion regarding an economic analysis being conducted by the Delaware Department of Environmental Control that will be used to determine the amount Delaware's incorporated coastal municipalities will have to contribute to future beach replenishment projects

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Meeting focused mainly on #1 - Read BBLA Member Clem Edgar's perspective of the meeting - ***Coastal Point Letter to the Editor 1/19/24***

Town Council Approved BB Working with Area Partners on an Ambulance Service Agreement (1/19/23)

- Partners are Town of South Bethany and the Community of Sea Colony
- Will develop and execute a Working Agreement with the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire



“Economic Analysis for Shoreline Management”

Several BBLA Board Members (including President Ron Dobes, VP Rich McHugh, Environmental Expert Chip Smith) attended DNREC's Virtual Public Meeting on 1/18/24

- [study](#) will focus on the benefits and costs of ongoing beach renourishment projects
- click [HERE](#) for BBLA's summary notes from the meeting

Fossil Found in Sussex Shores -----

What a Remarkable Find!!

[Read Coastal Point article](#)

Department for the Provision of
Ambulance Service

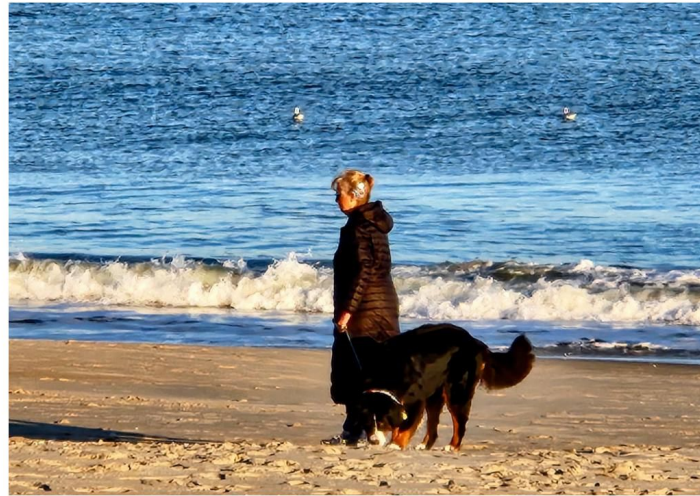
- Renters will be charged for use of services (only homeowners and their immediate family members will be included in the agreement)

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**Coming Soon: Rectangular
Flashing Rapid Beacon at
Rt. 1 and Ashwood Street**

Quiet Winter Walks on the Beach – Fantastic!!



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