

Town of Betterton Newsletter

Fall 2018

Notes from the Mayor

Goodbye Summer and welcome Fall.

I hope everyone had a great Summer in Betterton. Just a few notes to bring you up to date. The new Wastewater Treatment Plant startup is fast approaching. It is currently anticipated that the middle of October will be the switchover. Once the construction is complete, the Town will have a year to learn the plant and its operations, to bring it up to its full potential of nitrogen and phosphorus reduction.

Also, just a reminder that once construction is complete, the fencing required for the plant will eliminate the former Glen Street extension as a connection from Second to Third Avenue.

We are also working on having the existing generator from the old Wastewater plant moved to the Water Treatment plant, to provide much needed backup in case of major power outages. And speaking of the Water Treatment plant, the Town has contracted with Southern Corrosion to do minor repairs and repaint the Water Tower. This work is slated to begin sometime in October, weather permitting.

A major congratulation and thank you goes to our Town Manager, Mrs. Elizabeth Greenwell and our volunteer grant writing group. They have been successful in two of the many applications they have submitted. These two grants alone will bring in almost \$1,300, 000.00 towards two projects, Wheeler Avenue and Bayside Bluff Erosion. And they are still applying for additional grants for more projects in town and towards the full cost of Wheeler Avenue.

As support for the Kent Goes Purple Initiative on Opioid Awareness for the month of September, Town Hall has been lit Purple. As part of this Initiative, parents are asked to have the conversations and discussions on Opioid Abuse with their children.

The Town's election will be on October 6th from 8:00 A. M. to 6:00 P. M. at Town Hall for the Mayor and three Council seats. Come out and vote for your candidate of choice.

That's all for now,
Mayor Sutton



Dates to Remember

Trash Pick-Up: Mondays

Yard Waste Pick-Up: Monday

Recycling Pick-Up: Tuesdays

The Town of Betterton will be closed in observance of the following holidays:

Monday, November 12
Veteran's Day Observed

Thursday, November 22
Friday, November 23
Thanksgiving

Monday, December 24
Tuesday, December 25
Christmas

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday,

Thursday, & Friday

8 am – 3 pm

The office is closed on
Wednesdays.

Council Meetings

2nd and 4th Tuesday of the
month at 7 pm.

All are invited to attend.

Town Manager Report

Grant updates:

It has been a busy summer at the town. The grant taskforce has been working on applying for grants and we are pleased to announce that we received \$800,000 for Wheeler Avenue and \$482,000 for the Bayside Boulevard Bluff. This summer we also completed 2 other projects funded by grant monies. The Main Street Outfall and Parking Lot were finished in June and the Mural at the Sixth Avenue Park was completed in August.

We have several other grants applications that we have recently completed and are awaiting a decision. These include funding for a new tree house themed playground at the Sixth Avenue Park, and design monies for additional stormwater management in town. We are also seeking opportunities to fund the remainder of the Wheeler Avenue project and to replace the Idlewhile Pump Station. Although we were not successful in the first round, we continue to apply for grants for the Restoration of the Rigbie Steps and are hopeful it will be funded in 2019.

All of these projects would not be possible without the dedication of many volunteers who have spent countless hours working with me and partner agencies to prepare the grant applications. We are also grateful for the support of Mayor and Council who have encouraged and supported infrastructure and stormwater updates in town.

Permitting:

If you need a building permit or tree permit, the best days to meet with me are Mondays, Tuesdays, or Fridays. I recommend that you call the office or email me at egreenwell@townofbetterton.com to set up a time to meet as I am frequently in meetings. Permits are needed to:

- construct decks, porches, sheds, and fences
- install a permanent sign
- do any interior remodeling that affects plumbing or electrical
- replace plywood on a roof
- replace windows
- tear down an existing structure
- cut down a tree in the Critical Area

It is always better to call and check if a permit is needed before you start your project. I am able to provide you with details on the necessary regulations and set-backs. Thanks for your cooperation in abiding by state Critical Area regulations and International Building Code.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to serve you as Town Manager. I look forward to breaking ground on our upcoming projects.

Elizabeth

Upcoming Election in Betterton

October 6, 2018 the Town of Betterton will hold elections. Open positions will include 3 Council seats as well as Mayor.

To vote in Betterton Town elections, you must be registered with the Kent County Board of Elections by August 31, 2018 and live in Betterton for at least 30 consecutive days prior to October 6, 2018. Further questions may be directed to Judy Kohl, Election Commissioner at judykohl39@gmail.com.

News from BCDC

The Betterton Heritage Museum will remain open through the end of October, except for October 6. The last day for the museum to be open will be Sunday, October 28 when we will close for the winter months. During the closure, we will be working with a group of students from Washington College to reorganize our exhibits and develop new exhibits. Anyone who is interested in working on those projects should contact Candi Sorge at ccsorge@gmail.com.

Holiday Wreath Making Workshop is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, December 1, 2018. This workshop is led by Holly Harris McCoy and gives everyone an opportunity to create a holiday wreath with local greens. Registration details will be available in November. We need some extra hands to help with collecting the greens and helping at the workshop. If you are interested in helping, contact Candi Sorge.

Yard Waste

Yard Waste will be picked up **EVERY MONDAY** ending the **fourth Monday in November**. A pick-up of live Christmas trees will be scheduled for the second week in January.

Improvements to the Sixth Avenue Park



Stop by the park on 6th Avenue to enjoy the beautiful new mural funded by the Chesapeake Bay Trust, sit on the park bench in memory of Pat Morris, or use the free Wi-Fi.

Youth Group

Youth group will start back up in September, children from the ages of 6-16 may attend we meet in the basement of the Betterton United Methodist Church on Main street. Front door on the right come down stairs. Time is from 6:30 to 8pm on these dates; **October 5, October 12, November 16, and November 30**. Next year's schedule will come out later in the year. We meet from September to May.



Betterton Post 246 American Legion News

The American Legion in Betterton is offering Buffet style dinners on the **4th Saturday of each month** from 4:30 -7:00 pm. Chicken and Dumpling dinner **October 27th**. Please come down and support your local American Legion, "Public is welcome." Watch for the flyers for the menu, as it will change monthly. Menus will be posted on Facebook page "Betterton American Legion Post 246".

 <p>October 19, 2018 Auction 7:00 P.M. til ? Doors Open at 6:00 P.M. Free All are welcome!</p>	<p>October 20, 2018 Costume Dance 8:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Music by East Roc \$18.00 per person; \$30.00 per couple Beer, finger foods, cash prizes included. MUST BE 21 Cash Bar</p> 
<p>C. Henry Price II Post #246 – Sponsored by the Auxiliary – Benefits ALA Scholarship Fund</p>	

The American Legion Auxiliary and the Youth Group will host a Christmas Party at the Legion from 3pm to 5pm on **December 15th**. Local children are welcome to attend. All children **must be pre-registered** so there will be something for them from Santa. To register or any questions please contact Patti Bone before December 10th at 443-298-0057. Entertainment will be the Kent County High School Jazz Band playing Christmas music.

Do you have something newsworthy?

Any articles or photos you would like included in the next newsletter should be emailed to Elizabeth at egreenwell@townofbetterton.com or Sheila at info@townofbetterton.com no later than December 21, 2018.



Good times at the Betterton Day Parade on Saturday August 4th.



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