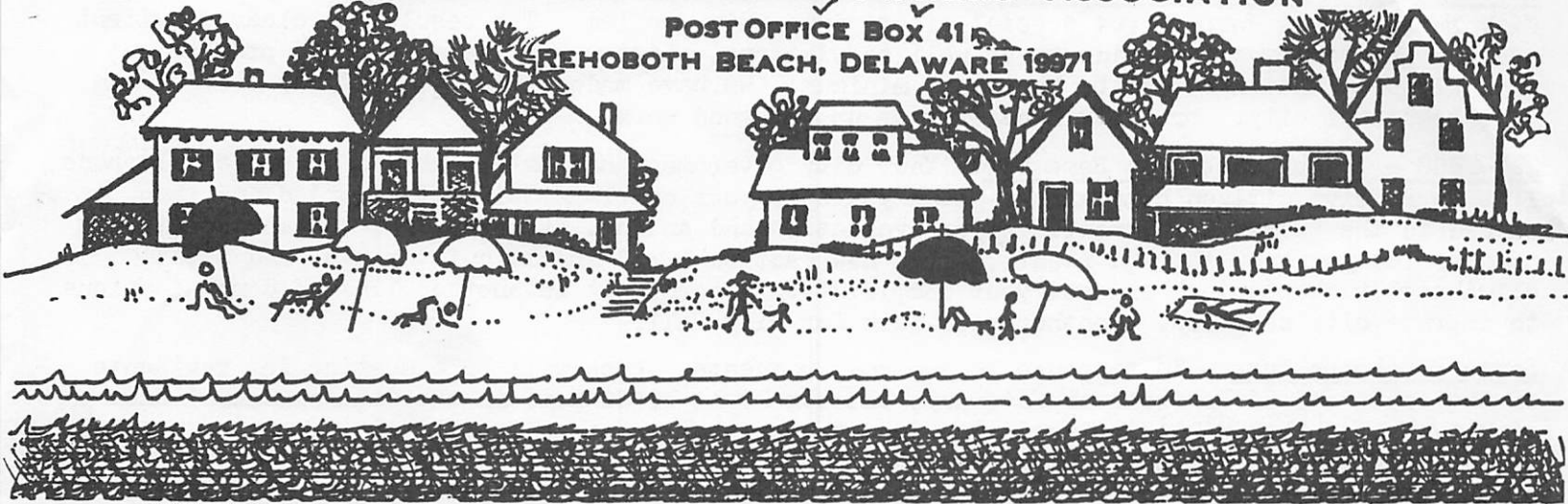


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Annual Municipal Election - Homeowner candidate "Billie" Shields and incumbent Walter Brittingham who was endorsed by your Association were the winners of this years election for the two Resident Commissioner seats on the City Board. Brittingham received 517 votes and Shields received 508. For the second year in a row Homeowner candidates have been 100% successful. Voter turnout totaled 945. Homeowner members who voted in this years election are to be commended for their turnout to support Shields and Brittingham. It was truly an expression of Homeowner philosophy which is "A Better Quality of Life for all Rehoboth Citizens."

Straw Ballot for Parking Permit Plan - Your Association which is a strong proponent of a Free Parking Permit Plan for all property owners was happy with the 707 vote for and 597 against. This now binding straw ballot was available to all bona fide residents whether they were property owners or eligible to vote in the regular election.

Register to Vote - Last winter it was amazing and also disappointing to learn that of a membership of 845 that 251 Homeowner members were not registered to vote in the Annual Municipal Election. After a letter and follow up telephone calls to these non registered members the number was reduced to approximately 80 at election time. It is the goal of your organization to reduce this number to "0". Your vote is important. It can make a difference. A difference in favor of your organization and your city. If for some reason you are not registered do it now while the idea is fresh in your mind. It only takes a few minutes and must be done in person at City Hall Monday through Friday. REGISTER REGISTER REGISTER!!!!

Membership - As of September 1 Membership Chairman Harry Voskamp reports that your Association is 891 strong. Good as this might sound there are still many of your friends and neighbors who are not members. A suggestion or request on your part can help to increase our membership. The larger our number - the stronger our base. Basicly everyone is on the Membership Committee. Help your Association. Solicit at least one new member. Dues are a reasonable \$5.00 per year and applications can be obtained by writing RBHOA, P.O. Box 41, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 or by calling 227-2924.

Underground Utilities - The concept of putting utility lines underground seems to have almost universal and city wide support. Overhead wires crossing streets, ugly telephone poles, suspended unsightly outdated transformers certainly don't add to the beauty of our city, Mayor Hughes and the Board of Commissioners endorsed the concept by recently passing an ordinance requiring all new construction to put the utilities underground. This is a step in the right direction and some improvement over what we presently have. However, it will take another generation or two and maybe not then before all utility lines (power, telephone and cable) would be underground.

Besides being unsightly these overhead lines, etc. pose a public safety hazard during storms and fire fighting experiences. Antagonists to such a project keep saying that it is too expensive. One thing is certain, it will never get cheaper. Your Association is optimistic about such a project and has a committee working on a study. Your input would be appreciated. Call Chairman Fred Blackwell, 227-3669. We want to help the city get this project started. It is long overdue. Rehoboth and our citizens deserve better.

REHOBOTH BEACH HOMEOWNER ASSOCIATION MEETING

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1984

WHERE: CITY HALL, COMMISSIONER'S ROOM

TIME: 8:00 P.M.

SPEAKER: COMMISSIONER RICHARD DERRICKSON, CHAIRMAN, SEWER COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: UPDATE ON NEW SEWER SYSTEM. QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

A Commendation for our City Manager - Our streets and beach were cleaner than the year before. City Manager Greg Ferrese put special effort into this problem. The result was clearly evident and appreciated by all, residents as well as visitors. Litter will be an ongoing problem but with close attention it can be kept to a minimum. We have made a good start for a cleaner and more beautiful city. Mr. City Manager keep up the good work.

227-2400 - A Good Number to Remember - Your city government has established a separate telephone line to receive citizen complaints. When you call your complaint will be recorded and then transferred to the proper department. After evaluation and action, if necessary, a response will be made to let you know the end result. This new "Action Line" should cut through "red tape", eliminate "buck passing" and put your complaint on record. It is another line of communications to improve city services. Another good mark for City Hall.

South Rehoboths Turn - In response to numerous requests, there will be a meeting for residents of the south end of Rehoboth on Saturday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners' Room of City Hall. This will give residents from the southern area an opportunity to raise questions and discuss concerns with the City Manager, the Mayor and other city officials. Letters have already been sent out from City Manager Greg Ferrese's office. This meeting will be a followup to the highly successful one held in September for residents of north Rehoboth. If you are unable to attend, send your questions to Commissioner Billie Shields (11 St. Lawrence Street), or phone her (227-9129). DON'T MISS THIS CANCE TO BECOME INVOLVED IN AN OPEN DISCUSSION OF WHAT CONCERNS Y OU!

Don't Forget - Solicit a new member and encourage voter registration.

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