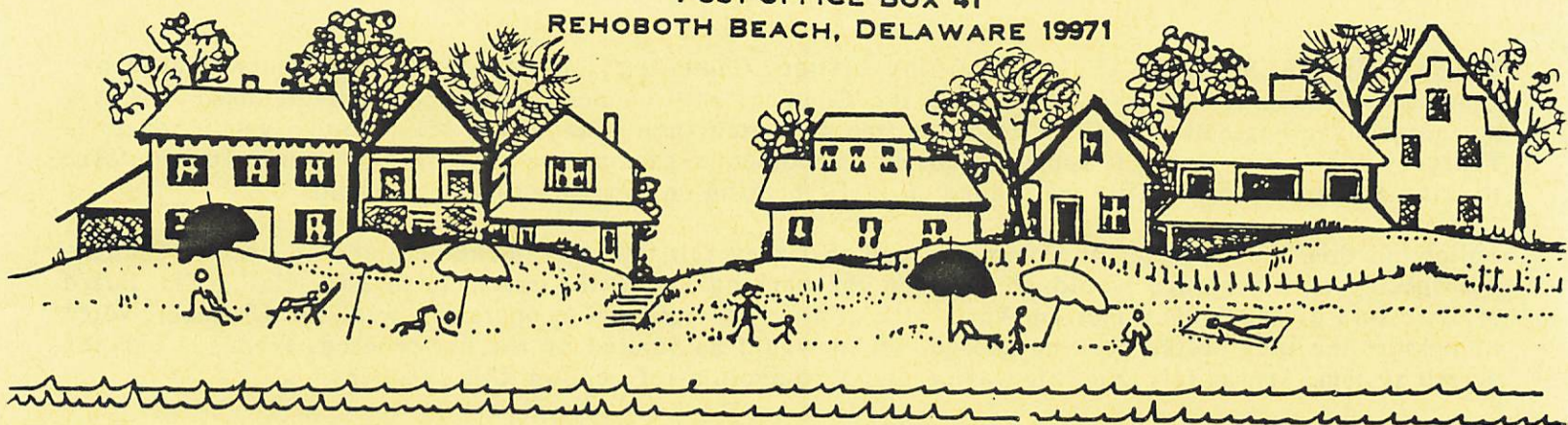


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NEWSLETTER

MAY 1989

NO. 1/89

"WELCOME SWEET SPRINGTIME"

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
SATURDAY -- MAY 20, 1989 -- 10:00 A.M.
ALL SAINTS' PARISH HOUSE
OLIVE AVENUE
SPEAKER: MAYOR KIMBER VOUGHT

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY . . . were highlighted by strange weather ranging from 70 degree days to a genuine old fashioned snow storm followed by an ice storm -- all taking place on weekends. However, the City Meetings generated some heated sessions brought on by the continuing controversy over the so-called Bar Ban Ordinance. Honest and fair effort went into the work of the Committee on the proposed ordinance which was headed by Commissioner Jack Hyde and included members of RBHA, the Chamber of Commerce and the ARG. It was thought that a compromise had been reached agreeable to all, only to have the ARG withdraw. As a result, there will probably be a referendum taking place at the time of our annual city election. You will receive more detailed information in good time. . . . Diligent effort also went into the 89/90 budget with the result that the tax rate of \$1.30 per \$100 of assessed value remains the same.

MARCH AND APRIL . . . City Meetings were enlivened by the effort to have a parking permit plan in place by the summer season. Once again, controversy reigned but after prolonged effort a plan was put before the Commissioners at their meeting in April which resulted in a tie vote. Thus, there will be no plan in effect this summer.

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DUES AND REGISTRATION NOTES . . . Our thanks to those of you who responded so well to our letter request for your 1989 dues. There are still a few members who may have unintentionally overlooked our appeal. If you are in that group, we will greatly appreciate having our record of membership up-to-date. Also, we are always open to new memberships. If you know friends, neighbors or new property owners who would like to join us in our efforts to preserve the beauty and residential lifestyle of Rehoboth Beach, please inform our secretary at the above address.

Letters were also sent to members who were not registered to vote in the annual City Election. We are pleased to report you have responded to this request well, but we still have members who are eligible to register and we earnestly ask that you do so. During June, the City Office will be open between 8:30 a.m. and 12 noon for registration and other city business. We encourage everyone to register and to vote.

FROM THE PRESIDENT . . . The Parking Matters Committee, chaired by Commissioner Sugrue and composed of members of the RBHA and the Chamber of Commerce, has been meeting most Saturday mornings since September 1988. The committee presented their plan to the Mayor and Commissioners in February 1989. The plan was approved but an amendment regarding the allocation of monies for employee parking and a parking facility was added; a public hearing on this amendment was held.

Following this, the Chamber of Commerce said that they felt that the amendment should not say facility, but specify that a garage would be built on the parking lot on the east side of City Hall. The Board of Directors of the RBHA met on April 14th and, in the spirit of cooperation with the Chamber, voted to support the idea of the parking garage, which would be funded by the net proceeds from the parking permit system. It was felt that this was necessary to avoid a referendum this summer.

At the April meeting, the Commissioners approved the above amendment, but several felt that another amendment should be added which called for a closed residential parking permit system to go into effect the day a garage opened. This amendment was voted on and passed. The Commissioners then asked the Chamber of Commerce president how the Chamber felt about this new amendment. She said that they could not support it at this time. I was then asked about the feelings of the RBHA. While I realize that most of our members would welcome a closed parking permit system (none more than I), I felt I had to say that we were not in favor of the amendment. I did this because without full cooperation between the Chamber and the RBHA, the plan would probably have gone to referendum in August and whether or not it passed, there would have been no parking permit system in effect for the summer of 1989.

Following this, a motion was made to strike the closed parking permit amendment from the ordinance. There was no second, so the motion died. The entire ordinance with the two amendments was then voted on and it failed, the vote being tied 3 to 3. This means that no parking permit system will be in effect this summer.

A resolution was adopted asking for the Parking Matters Committee to continue discussion and to present a more detailed plan to the Mayor and Commissioners in the late fall. I feel that the additional time will allow the committee to present a workable plan so that a parking permit system can be put into effect for the summer of 1990.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR
1989 RBHA MEETING SCHEDULE**

Saturday	May 20	10 a.m.	Mayor Kimber Vought
Friday	June 16	8 p.m.	E. Edward Carey, III, Director of the Emergency Operations Center for Sussex County
Friday	July 21	8 p.m.	Our candidates for Annual City Election
Saturday	October 21	10 a.m.	Annual Business

**ALL MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT ALL SAINTS' EPISCOPAL CHURCH - OLIVE AVENUE
PARKING AVAILABLE IN CHURCH LOT**

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