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"Average people and the average community can change the world. You can do it just based on common sense, determination, persistence and patience. ~ [Lois Gibbs](#)

SPRING 2015

Welcome to all! Slaughter Beach is a rare place in that there are not many locales so beautiful- which includes the people as well as the environment. To the newcomers- we welcome you! It is quite easy here to meet your neighbors & fellow townsfolk- either in the yard, street, or on the beach. Or if you prefer to stay to yourself, that too is possible. We encourage all to lend to the spirit of community by being welcoming & accepting of one another. We are a body of diverse folks coming from many walks of life, different states, & even countries; but here together we make one special community. We are Slaughter Beach; let us always strive to be the best we can be, for today as well as tomorrow. By so doing- we honor those that came before us & those that will come after us!

The Town Council is comprised of 5 of us residents that have chosen to give of our time & talents to ensure Slaughter Beach sustains itself for now & the future. The council is either elected or appointed depending on the interest at the particular time. The council elects amongst itself the officers yearly, though each council term is 2 years. The Charter on our website elaborates further on this. We encourage fellow residents to get involved & also lend their time & talents to our collaborative cause- our Town!

www.slaughterbeach.delaware.gov is our official town web site. On there you will find a plethora of information. We encourage all to access it frequently.

This January 19 we had a lengthy public hearing where many town documents were updated, some by law, and others by choice or necessity. The Town Council is to be commended for all their fine efforts on that end! We adopted a new zoning ordinance, zoning maps, flood damage reduction ordinance, MOU (memorandum of understanding) with Sussex County (SC) regarding the flood damage reduction ordinance, & election ordinance. A Charter change is presently before the State General Assembly for adoption. All documents if complete are found on our web site.

Whether you agree with it or not- Sea Level Rise is an issue we must earnestly address going forward. Some examples of topics included in this issue are beach replenishment, marsh flooding, storm water runoff, our private drinking water source, septic system compromise, home elevations, and accessibility of ingress & egress roadways..... Other issues we might want to ponder going forward are ways to maintain our low crime statistics, a coordinated & collaborated evacuation plan with the fire co, developing a rental property list

& guidelines therefor, & the possibility of charging administrative fees for reservations requesting use of our town pavilion to offset town cost of maintaining this public facility.

Most importantly we want to work to maintain the charm & character of our town, which are probably the most important features to all us who live here. There are not many places that are as unchanged as Slaughter Beach has been over the years. Many of our life long residents stress how little things have changed, which is a good thing! We realize at the same time that some change is necessary to maintain & sustain ourselves. Respecting the past & future at the same time is a well-oiled balance at which Slaughter Beach seems to excel. Kudos to all past & present town officials, employees, & residents for always working toward that end!

Within our habitat

Spring starts the return of our “tourist” and say goodbye to others. Snow and Canadian Geese will start their northern migration in March. After a few warm days in April, Baby Diamondback Terrapin Hatchlings will start to emerge from the beach and make their way to the Marsh. It’s also the time when Purple Martins, Hummingbirds and some Shorebirds start returning. In May most all of migrating Shorebirds have returned. This time period also starts the Horseshoe Crab spawning season, for which the Shorebirds come to feed on their eggs. The largest congregation of Shorebirds usually occurs between the middle of May to the end of May – including the Red Knots. Horseshoe Crabs will start Spawning as the water temperatures increase in the being of May and last through June. The highest spawning numbers will be on evening high tides with a full moon.

As summer approaches many of the Migratory Shorebirds have left for northern summer breeding grounds, while some will stay for the summer. By the end of May Diamondback Terrapin females will start looking for nesting areas on the beach which lasts into July. Horseshoe Crabs will continue to spawn through June and may linger into July. Throughout the summer months Dolphin can be seen just offshore. Cownose Rays can also be seen close to shore mating and feeding. Later in the summer, Diamondback Hatchlings will start emerging from the sand on their journey to the marsh.

Fall brings the return of some Shorebirds on their migration south. Most Hatchling will stop emerging and will winter over in the sand until the spring. Usually, later in September and into early October, Monarch Butterflies can be seen migrating across the Bay from the Jersey side. Over the past couple of years the number of migrating Monarchs has dropped significantly. Fall also brings migratory Waterfowl back to the area.

With winter settling in, more migratory waterfowl will show up along with Canadian and Snow Geese. Prime Hook National Wildlife Refuge is a good place to see the waterfowl and the surrounding farm fields for the Snow and Canadian Geese. Tundra Swans can also be seen from time to time through the winter. For the last two years Snowy Owls have been visiting S.B. and the surrounding area. In the bay an occasional Seal can be seen and sometimes come ashore to rest and sun themselves.

Please be mindful of our “visitors” while they are here. Flip Horseshoe Crabs, but never by their tails, as you walk the beach. Diamondback Hatchlings should be moved to the marsh, not the Bay. Help the adult Diamondbacks by moving them safely from the road in the direction they are going. Keep all dogs leashed when Shorebirds are present. Above all, enjoy the unique experience S.B.’s and its habitat offer.

DuPont Nature Center (DNC) – The Nature center is a wonderful place to visit, especially with children or grandchildren. Saturday, May 16th they will host the Delaware Bayshore Boogie at the 6th Annual- Peace, Love,

& Horseshoe Crab Festival from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Mark your calendars for some fun! Please sign up with them to volunteer. Be sure to let Dawn know you are from Slaughter Beach. Their website- www.de.gov/dnc

Delaware Nature Society (DNS) – provides programs within our Town at their property the Marvel Tract and on the beach- to educate school children and others on the diverse environments and wildlife habitats we sometimes take for granted. They have many programs and activities for folks of all ages at their facilities; check out their website at www.delawarenaturesociety.org. Matt Babbitt is our contact with the Nature Society. We enjoy collaborative projects with DNS & DNC.

NEWS

Community Wildlife Habitat

If you have driven through Town recently, you might have noticed signs popping up from time to time. They are yard signs which show that the property has been certified by the [National Wildlife Federation](http://www.nwf.org) program, sponsored locally, by the [Delaware Nature Society's](http://www.delawarenaturesociety.org) as a Certified Wildlife Habitat yard. A Certified Wildlife Habitat is one which provides official recognition for properties that meet five criteria necessary for wildlife: food, water, cover, places for wildlife to raise young, and wildlife-friendly landscaping practices. With the backing of Town Council, an initiative for getting the Town certified as a Community Wildlife Habitat got underway in November. In February, the Town registered with the NWF and by April the Town was Officially Certified by the NWF as a Wildlife Habitat Community. The NWF Certification usually takes a year to two to achieve. This initiative goes hand in hand with what Slaughter Beach is about, living in harmony with nature. Presently there are 34 yards certified yard. The yard certification process is easy. To find out what it takes, check out this link on the Towns Website:

<http://slaughterbeach.delaware.gov/programsinitiatives/habitat-certification-initiative/>, an application can be found there to have your yard certified. You can also follow us on Facebook:

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/Slaughter-Beach-Ecological-Environment-](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Slaughter-Beach-Ecological-Environment-Project/810401662334649)

[Project/810401662334649](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Slaughter-Beach-Ecological-Environment-Project/810401662334649). (You don't have to be a Facebook member.) For more information you can email us at slaughterbeep@comcast.net.

A presentation by the National Wildlife Federation and Delaware Nature Society has been tentatively scheduled for May 30th at 3PM at the Pavilion. In addition to the presentation an official unveiling of a new Interpretive Habitat Sign/Kiosk should take place. The interpretive sign/kiosk is a collaborate effort between DNREC's Delaware Bayshore Initiative, through settlement from the Bermuda Islander oil spill and the Town, with a grant from Sussex County.

Memorial Volunteer Fire Company:

Terry Jester is the new President of the fire company, congratulations to him.

On behalf of the Town we thank the fire company for the many services they provide to the residents. We especially thank them for helping with the snow plowing this winter. Please check their sign often for updates. I believe in August they may be having an event open to the public. In addition throughout the year there are chicken & dumpling dinners, crab feast, & the Christmas celebration, etc.

ANNUAL EVENTS

Yard Sale

The annual Town Yard Sale will be held over the Memorial Day weekend starting Friday, May 22, and ending Monday, May 25, 2015. The event will be advertised in a local newspaper and on the Town website. If it rains for more than 2 consecutive days, the sale will be held the following weekend.

Annual Large Item Pickup

Large Item Pick-up will be on Monday, June 1, 2015. Place items next to your regular trash. Any items (e.g., refrigerators, freezers, A/Cs) which may contain refrigerant (Freon) must bear an official tag stating it has been removed. This service is meant to help you get rid of difficult to dispose of items from your Slaughter Beach property.

Independence Day Event

The 7th annual Slaughter Beach Sail Club 4th of July Regatta is as follows:

Please remember all times are approximate and subject to change. The lineup looks like this:

On Saturday, July 4th

Location: North Delaware Avenue

High tide: 11:30 AM

Boogie board race at about 11:00 AM

Kayak race at about 11:30 AM

Pie eating contest at about 12:00 noon

Monohull race at about 12:30 PM

Catamaran race at about 1:30 PM

Bring a beach chair, umbrella, refreshments and enjoy all the festivities.

Contact with any questions:

Harry Ward

Slaughter Beach Sail Club

302-422-0894

Once again, there will NOT be a fireworks display provided by the Memorial Volunteer Fire Co.

Remember, state law prohibits setting off your own fireworks.

Community Social Hour

The 1st Friday of June, July, August & September at 5 p.m. there will be a gathering at our town pavilion for residents to socialize, meet & greet with one another in an informal public environment. Come join in the fun and socialize with your fellow Slaughter Beachers. Bring an appetizer or snack for the table if you'd like. Come one, come all!

While the spirit of neighborliness was important on the frontier because neighbors were so few, it is even more important now because our neighbors are so many. - Lady Bird

Johnson

Meet your neighbors

You say NASA; we say Dieter Bilitza. He is our own world renowned resident NASA Chief Scientist- of the Space Physics Data Facility at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD & research professor at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. In 2013 Dieter was awarded the International Kristian Birkeland medal- this award is given by the Norwegian Academy of Sciences for outstanding scientific results related to Space Weather & Space Climate. Dieter originates from Freiburg, Germany where as a student he worked on the 1st German research satellite AEROS that was successfully launched by NASA in 1974. For a man who has literally to get his head out of the clouds.....he cherishes the tranquil quality of life here in Slaughter Beach- the nature which surrounds us, long peaceful walks on the beach, the hopes of a medal in the annual Slaughter Beach sailing regatta, & enjoying the sunsets over the marsh & the moon risings out over the bay--all in the fine company of family, neighbors & friends along with a good glass of wine! He is joined by his wife Roxana & their now 2 grown sons- Sebastian & Nikko. Congratulations to Dieter, we're proud to have you "land" in Slaughter Beach!

She never met a germ she didn't want to learn more about- Diane McFaul Hindeman just retired after 40 years, most recently as a micro biologist with the State of Delaware Division of Public Health. While she worked primarily on tuberculosis, she has a vast knowledge of many organisms. Diane built a new home here & has been a full time resident since 2010, though since a teenager her family has had a home in Slaughter Beach. Her father, Wally McFaul, was a Milford native, & he instilled upon his daughter the wonders of life on the Delaware Bay. Diane has found her sanctuary here & is hoping to just relax & enjoy every day! Diane is the proud Mother of 2 grown sons- Dan & Jerry. Congratulations to Diane & all our recent retirees!

You may not know him by name but you have certainly seen him--Mark Hargrove- a man of many talents. You'll see him cruising thru town in his white Chevy pick-up, most likely going to do a small job of some sort for one of us. Plus, faithfully, daily you'll see his white dog Dex pass by, & shortly here comes Mark- who's walking whom there, fellows? Mark is out & about daily in town & watches out for his neighbors & our Town; it's folks like him that help make Slaughter Beach the special place it is- where people care about people! Mark lives in the family home that has been passed down for generations, & on weekends you'll see many of the family gathered there loving life @ the beach- fishing, crabbing, swimming, walking.....the matriarch of the family, 91 year old Mrs. Anna Hargrove, can be seen walking whenever she is in town, many times accompanied by one of her 5 grown children.

You've heard of an acquired taste, well some might say our Mayor Bill Krause is one. Don't be fooled by his anarchist rhetoric, free spirited manner, or bass boat blue painted toe nails in his surfer sliders! Bill is a maverick for sure, an engineer by trade, business owner.....but most importantly a loving, warm hearted fellow, who has never met anyone he didn't like. With aging parents in California—yes, Mom & Dad are in their mid 90's--3 grown kids, 9 grandchildren & their families, he is the quintessential patriarch. Bill, along with his equally talented & grounded wife Ellen, finds time to lend his talents to serve on town council & most presently as our Mayor.

Known as "commodore", Harry Ward & his wife Sandy are the premiere founders of Slaughter Beach Sailing Regatta held every 4th of July. One of the funniest days in Slaughter Beach, where almost every resident comes out to participate, watch, socialize, & just plain enjoy the day! Harry is a talented man whom you can always find tinkering out in his garage or about his properties, if.....he's not whipping across the water in one of his sailboats. A furniture executive by trade he also spends a lot of time traveling. He happened upon Slaughter Beach after looking extensively up & down the east coast. He liked our North Carolina like laid back

tranquil appeal & all the bounties of nature we reside within. He's also found the added bonus of the unique kinship we share here in our community as a valuable asset. Thanks to the Ward's for their community contribution & hard work each year with the regatta & all the other folks who play a valuable role!

Next year we'd like to profile you, interested?

“Without community service, we would not have a strong quality of life. It's important to the person who serves as well as the recipient. It's the way in which we ourselves grow and develop.” - Dorothy Height

MEMO FROM OUR MAYOR, BILL KRAUSE

April 25th, 2015

Hi All,

It has been an interesting 9 months since my election to Mayor by the Council last July 14th, 2014. You (our Town residents) can read the minutes of each meeting, either on the website, or on the bulletin board. The minutes give great detail on your Council's actions, votes, and discussions. This memo is just to give you a quick update on my take on what's happening, and how things are going.

First, Congratulations to the voters last July 5th for electing Kathy Lock and Glenn Stieffenhofer to Council, and re-electing Amy Parker, joining holdovers Jackson Gingrich and myself. This Council is great to work with, knowledgeable, and hard working. As a result, I am proud to say, a lot has been accomplished for the Town so far this year. Some highlights...

July 14th >> Town Council Meeting, coincidentally Bastille Day, when the fireworks started! During my first minute as Mayor, one of the losing candidates presented me and Council with a letter contesting the July 5th election. There were numerous “vote do over” supporters in attendance and those of you that were there may remember a not so tranquil “discussion”. This led to a hearing in Dover with our State Commissioner of Elections, which found in the Town's favor. Thanks to the 50 plus residents who turned out for this hearing! This turnout, plus some excellent lawyering by Barrett Edwards, our Town Solicitor, swung the day. However, the complainants next involved the ACLU on their behalf. If we had contested the ACLU in court, it could have cost the Town many Tens of Thousands of \$\$\$ in legal fees, so Barrett negotiated a compromise with the ACLU, and the State accepted it. Basically, the biggest change is adding absentee voting, and an expanded registration process. There is much more about this in the newsletter. FYI, this meant a Charter change, a new Voting Ordinance, hearings, etc., and approval by the State Legislature. A final thanks on this topic to Senator Simpson and Representative Kenton for pushing this through the legislature in record time; we're hoping for a final adoption by Delaware General Assembly any day. Plus a special thanks to our new BOE, and the volunteers helping to pull it altogether. Vice Mayor Parker has been ram-rodging this, and Huzzahs to her from all of us!

An ongoing thorn has been resolving issues with FEMA over our CAV (Community Assessment Visit) from two years ago. Why this is important >> If not resolved, SB could have been put on FEMA probation, and dropped from the National Flood Insurance Program. To make a long story short, thanx to the extraordinary efforts of Bob Clendaniel, our Building Inspector and Flood Plain Administrator in digging up enough data to create a 137 page response to the CAV 30 page complaint. We are just wrapping up a few loose ends. Involved are Kathy McFadden, our Town Clerk, in redoing hundreds of files, one for each property in the Town to meet the FEMA duplicate record requirements, Jeff Shockley from Sussex County who had the required records from recent years, Amy Parker, and a few comments from me.

NOTE to residents >> Please make sure your propane or oil tanks are well anchored, and that you have permits for any new or renovation work. This will be a help to us all for the next CAV! Thanx!

We also successfully resolved the Town Park lease issue with the Memorial Fire Department. This took several months to accomplish, thanx to the fine FD team, Town Council, and Barrett Edwards for making this happen! As a result, we have a new lease, which enabled us to get the \$16,000 grant money covering 50% of the Tennis Court and Basketball Court repaving, new fencing, and benches to come.

Other major successes this year have been completion of the new Slaughter Beach Zoning Ordinance, and the new Slaughter Beach Flood Plain Ordinance, some updating on our CLUP, etc. These all took many hours, hearings, meetings, reviews, etc. The last step was the FEMA approval of the Flood Plain Ordinance in March. All of these are on the Town Website.

And, the history of the Town name >> One of the most interesting things to me, was the receipt of a document dated December 15th, 1861, from a benefactor/collector in Colorado. The complete text is posted on the website, but, the big news is:

“... the ship foundered at the mouth of what is now Slaughter Creek... the Swedes and Finns assented: the cannon was accordingly brought on shore... The Indians becoming troublesome... killed one of their members... He (The Leader) gathered the Indians together... informed them the great Spirit leader was angry... and would visit his wrath upon the offenders... He fastened a rope to the cannon... he made the Indians take hold of the rope and he placed ones guilty of murder next to the mouth of the cannon... he stuck a blaze to the cannon which killed most of the Indians which had hold of the rope. The cold blooded murder gave the name of Slaughter Neck...”. Let’s refer to this as the “Unpleasantness of ‘81”.

And Kudos to our Glenn Stieffenhofer, our current Town Secretary for his magnificent Minutes, and Kathy Lock, Councilwoman, for her successful efforts heading up the grants committee – you will see the first house raising soon, and the sewer study- phase one is completed but it is an ongoing topic, with more to come. Treasurer Gingrich has kept the books balanced, finished converting all the Town accounting to QuickBooks in concert with Jennifer Cornell, our Town Bookkeeper. This resulted in a clean FY2014 Audit. So far all is within budget, which has been a strain with all of the legal expenses! Thanx to Jimmy Dalton, our Streets Czar and Dean Hazzard, our Town Maintenance Person for our updated road maintenance and general nice appearance of Town Property. And, Kudos to Harry Ward and team for our annual regatta! Yea!

Congratulations to Terry Jester, recently elected President of the Memorial Fire Company, and thanks to Britt Deese for help with our meetings at the Fire House; and big thanks to all of the Fire Company for their coverage of the Town, extra effort in plowing, and help from too many people to name! Please support our FD’s activities and fund raisers. Check the FD website >> <http://www.memorialfire89.com/>

Final Topic >> Wildlife. Bill McSpadden has provided strong leadership on these matters. A major success is to have the Town Certified as a Wildlife Habitat Community by the National Wildlife Federation. A presentation by the NWF and Delaware Nature Society has been tentatively scheduled for 3PM on May 30th. Colin O’Mara of the NWF, former Secretary of DNREC will make the presentation. Please, all who can, come & support this event. It is a big day for our Town. And, any beautification efforts by each of us, perhaps some annuals planted, etc., will only enhance a big day! Bill is also our Town webmaster, and our site is updated regularly >> <http://slaughterbeach.delaware.gov/>. Note, there is also a spoof site, our old address, we are working on this, but, please be sure you are on the real SB site.

Final Final Topic >> Big Challenge going forward will be major efforts on storm proofing SB, working further with FEMA, PHNWR, DNREC, the State, and many others to preserve our great Town for the next generation. All – Volunteers needed for many Town activities and Committees!

By the way, I was invited by Comcast to participate in their newsmakers series, which gave me a nice opportunity to promote the Town. The video is at <http://comcastnewsmakers.com/2015/03/16/town-of-slaughter-beach-delaware/>

My thanks, to all of our Town residents for their cheerful support, our Town employees for a great job, and a super Town Council and Volunteers. My goal is to do the best job we can for our Town, “The Jewel of the Delaware Bay”. Please continue to contact me or any Council Member with any concerns, questions, suggestions for agenda items, and comments on our programs. And, a big thanks from all of us to VM Amy Parker for the fine job on our annual newsletter!!

Best Regards,

Bill Krause, Yr Fthfl Mayor

TOWN MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

We welcome and encourage all town residents to attend our Town Council meetings. Meetings are held the 2nd Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room on the 2nd floor of the Memorial Volunteer Fire Company. The access door is on the south side of the building. The Annual Town meeting will be held in June, and the date, time, and location for the meeting will be announced in the coming weeks.

Election Information

The Slaughter Beach Town Council election, if necessary, will take place on July 4th at the fire hall. The polls will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Two seats on Council are up for election, and each seat carries a two year term. This year the terms of Bill Krause & Jackson Gingrich will expire. Notice of intent to seek office, including an affidavit that the candidate meets all the qualifications for office, shall be filed at the Town’s office located at 357 Bay Ave., Slaughter Beach. The forms can be obtained from the Town by calling (302) 424-7659 or emailing townofslughterbeach@comcast.net. The deadline for filing to run for office will be included in the Notice of Solicitation of Candidates that will be published by the Town in the coming weeks.

To run for office, a candidate must:

1. be at least 21 years of age
2. not have been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude
3. be a citizen of the United States as of July 4, 2015
4. since January 4, 2015 have been either domiciled in Slaughter Beach or a freeholder (property owner) in Slaughter Beach.

Voter qualifications are as follows:

Any person shall be qualified to vote who, on the date of the election:

1. Is a United States citizen
2. Has attained eighteen (18) years of age
3. Has, for a period of not less for a period of not less than thirty (30) consecutive days immediately preceding the date of the election has been either
 - (a) a freeholder in the Town (a 'FREEHOLDER' shall be deemed to include any natural person* who holds title of record to a fee simple estate or to a life estate, in and to real property located within the Town boundaries)

OR

(b) has been domiciled in the Town. ('DOMICILED' shall mean physically residing in that place where a person has his/her true, fixed, and permanent home and principal establishment, and to which, whenever he or she is absent, that person has the intention of returning; provided however, that absence from one's place of domicile for some temporary purpose shall not terminate that domicile so long as the intention to return to that place remains fixed, certain, and constant during the period of physical absence).

* Please note that if property ownership is held in an LLC, corporation, or other similar artificial entity, the property is not held by a "natural person" and individuals with an ownership interest in the LLC, corporation, or other similar entity would not qualify to vote as freeholders but could still qualify to vote if they are domiciled in town.

The most recent Sussex County Property Tax records available as of May 1st shall be considered proof of address for all individuals identified in those records as Slaughter Beach property owners (FREEHOLDERS.) A Supplemental List of Property Owners will be created for those property owners not on the Sussex County Property Tax records who can provide the Town with proof of address. The Sussex County Property Tax Records and the Supplemental List of Property Owners shall be available for review by property owners in Slaughter Beach. The records will be available at the Town Council Meeting on June 8th, the Annual Town Meeting, and on the Town's website after June 12th, and at the Town Office every Saturday in June from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Property owners may also submit a request to the Town via telephone or electronic mail to ascertain whether or not they are listed on the Sussex County Property Tax records or the Supplemental List of Property Owners. All individuals whose names are on the Sussex County Property Tax records or the Supplemental List of Property Owners will be required to provide proof of identity to vote at the election. Individuals whose names do not appear on the Sussex County Property Tax records or the Supplemental List of Property Owners will be required to provide proof of identity and proof of residence or ownership at the time of voting.

According to the Delaware State Code, the identification shall be 1 or more of the following items that individually or together show the identity and address of the person:

1. A current State of Delaware driver's license or ID card;
2. A uniformed service ID card;
3. Another current photo ID issued by the State of Delaware; U.S. Government; the voter's employer, high school or higher education institution;
4. A current utility bill, bank statement, credit card statement, a paycheck or pay advice, or another type of bill or statement;

5. A lease or sales agreement; and/or
6. Any other documentation that a person can reasonably and commonly accept as proof of identity and address.

OR

Personal recognition by a majority of the Election Officers in the polling place can attest to a voter's identity and address.

This year absentee balloting will be available. Any individual wishing to vote by absentee ballot must request a ballot by filing an affidavit of qualifications with the Town no later than 12:00 pm (noon) July 3. An affidavit to request an absentee ballot is available on the Town of Slaughter Beach website at <http://slaughterbeach.delaware.gov/> under the Town Election Information tab. It may also be requested by sending an email to townofslaughterbeach@comcast.net or in writing to the Town at 357 Bay Ave, Slaughter Beach, DE 19963-4909 or by telephone at (302) 424-7659. (Please leave a message.) When the affidavit is received, a ballot will be mailed to you. For all voters who have returned their affidavits to the Town, the absentee ballots will be mailed no more than twenty seven (27) days (June 8th) and no less than four (4) days (June 29th) prior to the day of the election (July 4th.) For affidavits received after 12:00 pm on June 29, the individual filing the affidavit will be responsible for picking up the absentee ballot from the Town in person. The ballot must be filed with the Town no later than 12:00 on the day of the election. In addition, the Town Office will be open every Saturday in June from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. A qualified absentee voter may pick up an affidavit during those hours. He or she may also complete the absentee ballot affidavit, show identification, and complete an absentee ballot at that time. **If you request an absentee ballot, you must use it to vote. You will not be permitted to vote by machine on the day of the election.**

Town Officials

Mayor: Bill Krause, 610-239-6796

Vice Mayor: Amy J. Reed Parker 422-5814

Secretary: Glenn Stieffenhofer 215-651-4272

Treasurer: Jackson Gingrich 265-2258©

Councilperson: Kathy Lock 422-5234

Tax Collector: Angela Tibbitt 424-1127(h)

Building Inspector: Bob Clendaniel 270-0687©

Code Enforcement: presently any councilperson

Town Clerk: Kathy McFadden 424-3925

As editor, I will say this was a labor of love. I thank Bill McSpadden for his habitat pieces; Harry Ward for the section on the regatta; our Mayor for his letter; Ellen his wife for formatting, etc.; fellow councilmembers for their input & support; Kathy McFadden, our town clerk, for her steadfast assistance & dedication to meeting deadlines; Barrett Edwards, our town attorney, for his patience, expertise, & final editing of the election information, & lastly Mary Lyde Esposito for working the final hours with me on the election information & for editing. It does indeed take a village.

Realizing it is not a perfect world, I will tell you that this document isn't either. Please enjoy it just the same!

Also a special thanks to those folks that agreed to be profiled. - Amy Parker, Vice Mayor

"In union there is strength." - Aesop

