



Middlesex Beach Association

August 2021

Re: Saturday, September 4, 2021 Community Meeting

Dear neighbors:

I hope that this letter finds you healthy, happy, and enjoying the last days of the summer!

Please join the Middlesex Beach Association's Board of Directors and your neighbors at the annual Fall Community meeting on **Saturday, September 4, 2021**. This will be an in-person meeting which will be held at St. Martha's Episcopal Church, 117 Maplewood St., Bethany Beach. The meeting begins at **10:00 AM**. We are so excited about seeing you and sharing time together after such a long time. Please remember that persons who have been vaccinated do not need to wear masks. My son is 10 and has asthma so I will be wearing a mask as I am vigilant about his health.

As always, the fall meeting's focus is the election of MBA Board members. In accordance with our Bylaws, the Board of Directors shall consist of eight (8) individuals elected to staggered terms, plus the Past President. There are six (6) open Board positions for this election and each property is entitled to one (1) vote for each open position.

The biographies of the six (6) candidates are enclosed. They are Nora Alter, Paul Bradley, Gregory Pichler, Tris Kruger, Ron Thomas, and Amy Whitcover-Sandford. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the meeting, or by making their interests known to the President (myself) or to the Nominating Committee Chairman (Jeff Sella) prior to the meeting according to our Bylaws.

The Board encourages every property owner to vote, either during the meeting or by using the enclosed proxy/ballot by mail. For members who own more than one (1) property, please cast a separate proxy/ballot for each property owned.

In accordance with Delaware State Law, a property owner may cast no more than one (1) vote per candidate. Please note that you are not required to cast a vote for each open position. However, if your proxy/ballot has two or more votes for any one candidate or more than six (6) votes, then **none** of your votes will count and you will be marked as "present."

It has been an honor to serve as the President of the MBA Board; and I appreciate the confidence and support you have shown me this past two years. Now as I step back from this position and

my children return to in-school learning, I hope to find out what retirement means. With luck, this means spending more time with friends and being out and about in our community.

This past year, again, has presented unprecedented challenges to our community, our Board, and our volunteers. The Board has been supported by many community members who have shared time, talent, and expertise to help us with guidance, decision making, and projects. We are so grateful for this.

Our community is facing daunting challenges: among them are development to the west, sea level rise, maintenance of our private beach, changing weather patterns, and the challenge of funding increasing costs to maintain the community as we wish it to be maintained. None of these issues are easily solved.

This community was founded by people who worked together and cooperated to get things done. I would like to think we are still this community. I have always believed that one gets back what one gives; and to be part of the solution, one must participate. That is why I ran for the Board in the first place.

Now more than ever, we need you to participate. There are many ways to do that: volunteer to help with tasks and projects, serve on a committee, serve on the Board, attend Board meetings to be aware of the multiple and complex issues the Board grapples with daily.

I am grateful to each of you for the efforts and love you give to this wonderful community; and the support you have shown me and our Board this year. Thank you.

Margie Cyr, President
Middlesex Beach Association