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Barbara "BB" Bishop

It is with great sadness that we must share that our friend and colleague, Barbara Bishop died suddenly on May 18, 2023. Barbara served as president of our Taxpayer's Association since its inception in March of 2021. She was well known and well respected throughout Ship Bottom and the LBI community for her kindness and positive spirit.

The following are quotes from our SBTA Board Members:

- Barbara (was) a loving person, who was deeply devoted to her faith, family, and community. She was a strong activist who knew how to accomplish the tasks to make our town a better place for all. – Dan Von Schaumburg
- Barbara was a very accepting and non-judgmental person. Case in point: she texted me one day this winter when I was walking my dogs barefoot. I told her if it's over 40 degrees, then there's a good chance I'd not be donning any shoes. The next day she sent me an article from the New York Times about a corporate executive who runs barefoot in much colder weather. To me, it was her saying that she was OK with my quirkiness! – Greg Fath
- As a relatively new Ship Bottom resident, I am so grateful to Barbara for the kindness and welcoming support she offered. Her knowledge of the island was impressive and her devotion to it was contagious. – Robert Vidal
- I met Barbara on a Zoom meeting and volunteered to help with several events. She recognized my volunteer spirit and called me as I was headed to the beach last August and asked if I would consider being a board member. She mentioned on a Zoom call

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that she would love to have a Chalk Art event perhaps in the spring. With a daughter in Santa Barbara and having seen their chalk art event the previous May, I was “there” and volunteered to take it on. She was so supportive! She went with me to meet with township officials to make the event happen. (Unfortunately, the weather didn’t cooperate). In the short time I knew her, I saw her as a friend and mentor. –Kat Leifeste

- Barbara remains the energy behind Ship Bottom and we wouldn't be anything without her guidance, strength, and leadership. To say she would be sorely missed would be an understatement. – Mike Mellor
- I have only known Barbara for the last couple of years. I met her at a Resilient LBI meeting where she promptly told me that I had to become a member of the SBTA. Whenever I needed information, she was one of the people I went to first. I will miss her. – Denise Cleveland
- My nickname for Barbara, Queen Mother, just popped into my head one day. Seemed so appropriate for that royal woman. Every time I addressed her as such that big beautiful smile would appear on her face, a smile I will never forget. - John Hiros
- As instrumental as she was in our association, it was a continuing path of leadership, council, and achievement in her life. I was lucky to have known her. - Karen Drucker

Barbara will be sorely missed by all who were lucky enough to have known her. Her shoes will be hard to fill.

Ship Bottom News

- Ship Bottom will have free **Beach Taxi** service available to take physically challenged folks to the beach this summer. These vehicles will transport folks onto the beach where they can meet up with their family. This program will be run by the SBBP out of their headquarters on 26th street. Pickup areas will be oceanside at 3rd, 5th, 11th, 17th, or 31st Streets. From there the individual will be taken over the dune to the appropriate beach to meet with their family/friends who will bring them to their spot on the beach. The reverse will happen when it is time to leave the beach. Reservations will be required in advance. Call (609) 494-9481 to reserve your ride or for any questions.
- **Blue mats** will be installed at 15th and 20th St. These mats create a firmer area for handicapped access to the beach.
- **Bike racks** have been placed at street ends (ocean side) where possible.
- Bike safety – Heavy stock handouts highlighting bike safety have been created and given to the realtors in town to be included in their rental packets
- The **new borough hall** update – it looks like the “move in date” for Borough Hall will be mid summer. The **Ship Bottom Post Office** will remain closed at the Ship Bottom site for now. All transactions will continue to be done at the main post office in Long Beach Township.
- Once all departments have moved into the new building, the old borough building will be demolished, and a parking lot will be constructed behind town hall.

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For other projects that we are working on see our minutes which are posted on our website.

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The Wind Farm Roundups are also posted there with links to a lot of data that has been researched about the proposed wind turbines off our shore.

What's Happening in SB

Lang's Smoke Shop has opened in the former Island Video building. The owner is the son of Lang's Liquor owners.

New Ordinances

ORDINANCE 2023-02 C - provides a structure for charges for duplication of public records and documents

ORDINANCE 2023-03 C – Requires lead paint inspection for single- and two-family homes constructed before 1979 which are used as non-seasonal rental properties.

ORDINANCE 2023-04 C – requires that businesses provide proof of State mandated insurance requirements.

ORDINANCE 2023-05 C – requires installation of “Knox Boxes” to provide key access to businesses and multifamily residential units for first responders to gain access in event of an emergency.

ORDINANCE 2023-07 C – outlines new requirements related to noise within the borough.

To read these ordinances in full, go to shipbottom.org, click on **government** and you will find a link to ordinances on the left.

Borough Meetings

The Borough Council meets on the fourth

Tuesday of each month at 6:30PM, except December when the meeting will be on Thursday 12/27/2023. These meetings are in person only and are not recorded. We continue to monitor these meetings.

The next **Land Use Board Meeting** will be held July 19th Wednesday, 7 PM at Borough Hall. It is the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

Save the Date!

SBTA Annual General Membership Meeting will be Saturday, September 23rd at 9:30 AM. Location TBA. Learn more about our TPA and how you can get involved. We will announce who our speaker(s) will be as time gets closer.