

## RBHA NEWS

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING** – RBHA is hosting a presentation on harnessing wind power to generate electricity. This is a timely topic as the state is currently evaluating among options to obtain new electricity from wind power in Delaware, new coal or gas power in Delaware or purchases of wind power from neighboring states.

Willett Kempton, Associate Professor at the University of Delaware's College of Marine and Earth Studies, will share his current research on offshore wind power. His talk reviews the technology, resource assessment, environmental impacts, and opinions about wind-generated electricity. According to Professor Kempton “At the University of Delaware, we have developed and refined methods for assessing the amount of offshore wind power available, based on current wind power technology. We find that the wind resource off the Atlantic coast of Delaware is several times the electrical needs of the entire state. We have also surveyed Delaware residents regarding their opinions about locating wind power off our coasts.”

This talk follows a short RBHA General Membership Meeting. The meeting begins at 10:00AM on Saturday, April 28, 2007 at All Saints’ Episcopal Church, 20 Olive Avenue in downtown Rehoboth Beach. The presentation is free and is open to the public.

**ROAD WORK** – If you driven north on Scarborough Avenue recently you may have noticed that several intersections have been dug up. This includes Philadelphia, Hickman, and Stockley (soon); there may be more. City Manager Greg Ferrese reports that the City is doing upgrades and repairs on hydrants, valves and some water lines in the neighborhood.

**DOG PARKS** – The Animal Issues Committee met on March 31<sup>st</sup>, to discuss Dog Parks and other matters. Although the Committee will issue a report later, it was clear that there are strong feelings about relaxed restrictions on the beach and Boardwalk rather than dog parks. As a practical matter there is no available space large enough to accommodate a dog park. Discussion centered on feedback from citizens on the issue. One significant impression voiced is that the city is not perceived as pet-friendly. The Committee decided to consider three important themes, which include the need for better enforcement of the animal ordinance, improved signage on the Boardwalk and elsewhere, and plastic bag dispensers with waste receptacles.

**ANNUAL CLEANUP** – Trash & Treasure time is upon us again! From April 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 4<sup>th</sup> it’s your opportunity to get rid of all that junk you’ve been accumulating. For others it’s your opportunity to prowl the city for jewels to furnish your beach house. Just about anything goes [construction materials, tires, and oil-based paints are excluded!]. For those south of Rehoboth Avenue the dates are April 23 – 27; city employees will start at Lake Drive and work north. April 30 – May 4 will be for neighborhoods north of Rehoboth Avenue as well as the Schoolvue area; Henlopen Avenue will be the starting point. Make sure you have your goodies curbside for the designated week, because city workers will NOT go back once your pickup area has been completed!

Forsythia at the corner of 4<sup>th</sup> and Columbia

