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Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 4:07 PM  
Subject: FW: South Bethany Storm Update  
   
-----Original Message-----  
From: Kathleen Jankowski [mailto:mayorsouthbethany@hotmail.com]   
Sent: Tuesday, October 30, 2012 3:20 PM  
Subject: South Bethany Storm Update  
   
South Bethany,  
   
We are so fortunate--no one was injured and we still have the dune! The  
south end of the dune doesn't appear to have sustained any further damage  
after yesterday's erosion. Basically, Ocean Drive and Sand Piper Village  
don't even look like we had a hurricane. There is free-standing water in  
the yards between the houses and the dune on Ocean Drive.  
   
The west side of South Bethany is another story!!! Almost all ground south  
of Evergreen was covered in water. I live on W. 4th and Canal Drive and I  
had about 18 inches of water on the ground level last night. The water has  
receded to the door sill but we have two additional high tides that will  
impact the flooding--one this evening and one tomorrow morning.   
   
See attached pictures from this morning. Attached is also a file that shows  
the Jefferson Creek tidal gage readings. You can see that all bulkheads  
have been breached.  
   
Travel is still restricted. Route 1 is closed north of Bethany and south of  
South Bethany. There are also areas of Route 26 that are flooded.   
   
I believe all houses now have electricty with the exception of W. 3rd and W.  
4th Streets.   
   
All scheduled Town staff should be here tomorrow with the exception of the  
Town Manager, who is stuck in Florida.  
   
Thank you to all who have called today. We really appreciate your checking  
with us before heading into Town.  
   
There will be no further updates until tomorrow--unless there is a  
significant change in status. Hopefully, tomorrow I will be sending an  
"all clear" to residents to return to their homes in South Bethany.  
   
   
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