

# TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW

## A Message from Mayor Reddington

This spring marks the completion of my second full year serving as the Town of Ocean View Mayor. I have found the time to be very rewarding and I have gained a great deal of insight into the operation of our local government. I am proud to say that the operations of our Town, as supported by the Mayor and Council and accomplished by our employees, are meeting challenges head on while making the best of opportunities to maintain, and whenever possible improve the quality of life in Ocean View. I can say without reservation that we can all be proud of the accomplishments of our Town over the past year! While this newsletter is too short to share all of the good news, I encourage you to visit our website to review a full listing. I will however share a few of the highlights, including the State of Delaware Accreditation of the Ocean View Police Department, including the following statement shared by the DE Police Accreditation Team , ... "The Ocean View Police Department is an exemplary representation of an accredited agency. They take 'best practices' to an advanced level. Every aspect of the standards was scrutinized and accomplished." Further, no non-compliance issues were noted, and the department was found to be in compliance with all standards.

Another aspect of the Towns achievements that I am proud of is the strong and consistent effort to develop partnerships, which I now know are very important to the work of local government. In the past year, the Ocean View Town Manager, Police Department and Planning Office have improved our offerings to the community by engaging in partnerships

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Arbor Day Celebration 2022! Thank you Scout Troop 281!

**Spring 2022**

## TOWN COUNCIL

**Mayor  
John  
Reddington**

**District 1  
Steve Cobb**

**District 2  
Colleen  
Twardzik**

**District 3  
Tom Maly**

**District 4  
Donald Walsh**

**Town Council  
meets monthly  
on the 2nd  
Tuesday  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
and if needed  
the 4th  
Tuesday @ 6:00  
p.m. at  
32 West Ave.  
Subject to change  
See our website for  
monthly postings.**



**Visit our website at [www.OceanViewDe.Gov](http://www.OceanViewDe.Gov)**





Officer Hazel joined the Ocean View Police Dept. in the spring of 2021 - She is shown here at the Annual Cops and Goblins Event!

## **STOP! We want your Input!** Please take this Quick but Important Survey!

Please respond to the following question by clicking on the below QR Code or by visiting our website at [www.OceanViewDe.Gov](http://www.OceanViewDe.Gov):

Would you be in favor of Town Council Meetings being held during the day beginning at 3 p.m. versus the historical start time of 7 p.m.?



## **Mayor's Message** (continued from page 1)

that provide added value! These partnerships include engagement with the Historic Village in Ocean View, The South Coastal Village Volunteers, the Salt Air Gardeners, local businesses that support events, DelDOT, the Quiet Resorts Chamber of Commerce, Natelli Communities LP and Special Olympics Delaware! These efforts are paying off in a multitude of ways, not in the least by assisting with funding projects and increasing opportunities, but also by boosting Ocean View's status as a thriving and progressive community, seeking the best outcomes! Stay tuned, as there's no doubt that more good news is coming!

*John Reddington, Mayor*

## **Historic Village in Ocean View**

32 West Avenue - Adjacent John West Park

The Historic Village in Ocean View will be open on Wednesdays from June through August between 10 a.m. & 1:00 p.m., or by appointment.  
Call: 302-593-8814.

Visit [OVHistoricalSociety.Org](http://OVHistoricalSociety.Org) for membership & donation opportunities! **PLUS**

Don't miss the *Smithsonian Institute Exhibit* at *Hall's Store* from Sept. 10 through Nov. 12



# Smithsonian





## 2022 Town Council News

We congratulate and thank our new members for their interest in serving the community; Councilman Steve Cobb (District 1) and Councilwoman Colleen Twardzik (District 2). A swearing in ceremony, conducted by Town Solicitor Dennis Schrader was held on April 26th. Both of the new Council members have been actively involved in our local community and government serving on committees and participating in meetings, community events and programs! Holding our annual election wasn't necessary this year as there was only one candidate for each of the open Council seats.



Swearing in of Councilman Steve Cobb



Councilwoman Colleen Twardzik being sworn in

Please be sure to check out **OVTV** found on **Mediacom channels 78 & 818** for information regarding Town events, projects and more!

Tuning in regularly will keep you up to date!



Arbor Day Tree Planting!

## Outgoing Councilmen Presented Plaques

Councilmen Frank Twardzik & Bruce White were presented plaques by Mayor Reddington, on behalf of the Town Council and our community, at the April 26th Reorganization meeting. Mr. Twardzik served two terms totaling 6 years and Mr. White served one term of 3 years. Councilwoman Twardzik succeeds her husband of 46 years, a first occurrence in the history of the Town. During the meeting Mayor Reddington shared that both "distinguished themselves by serving admirably...and being actively involved in decision making..."



Thank you for your service Councilman Twardzik



Thank you for your service Councilman White



Mayor Reddington and Town Manager Houck helping with the March for Meals event hosted by the Ocean View Cheer Center!

Visit our website at [www.OceanViewDe.Gov](http://www.OceanViewDe.Gov)

## Ocean View Property Tax Information:

Your **2022 Ocean View Property Tax Statement** is enclosed with this newsletter and reflects a **3 cent tax rate reduction** as well as your new assessment value from the 2021 Full Town reassessment. We continue to offer a **1% discount** if you pay your taxes early or by July 31, 2022. The final tax due date is **August 31, 2022** after which a penalty of 1½ % per month will be added to any unpaid taxes. The ambulance fee is not eligible for discount. If you have an escrow account for your tax payment this statement is for informational purposes only as your mortgage company should remit your taxes on your behalf. Please confirm with your mortgage company if you are not sure **and notify us of any change of name or mailing address to ensure our ability to contact you.**

You can pay your taxes in the following ways:

**Online payment** – visit <http://www.oceanviewde.gov> and click on the online Property Tax Link

**24-hour Drop Box** –  
201 Central Avenue Administrative  
Offices (located at rear entrance)

**By Mail** -201 Central Avenue  
Ocean View, DE 19970



## Taking Care of Business... Reminders!

**Voter Registration** – you must register with the Town in order to vote in Town elections. Please contact our Administrative Office or simply download the form from our website and send or deliver it with a copy of your valid DE driver's license.

**John West Park** – Group use of our pavilion is available by registering to hold a picnic, family reunion, birthday celebrations, etc.! Certain dates may not be available in association with Town events and activities.

An Ocean View **Business License** is required if you provide services or do work within the Town Limits.

If you own property in Ocean View that you rent, you are required to apply for a **Rental License**. Rental properties are subject to a 5% Gross Receipts tax.

**Building permits** are required for all construction projects, repairs, additions, etc. and should be acquired prior to the start of the project.

**Property maintenance**, including the area between the property line and the roadway is the responsibility of the property owner. This includes grass and debris maintenance.

**Pets** are required to be on a leash and are not permitted to run at large. Be sure to clean up after your pets when walking them in our neighborhoods or along the walking trail at John West Park! Failure to do so may result in a fine.

**Please reach out to the Town staff with any questions.**

**See page 8 for full contact information and keep it for future reference!**

## The Ocean View Police Department

**Accredited by the State of Delaware,**

**Awarded the 2021 Lexipol Gold Level Recognition  
for Excellence in Policy Development & Training!**

**Safest Place to Live! Fourth Year in a row!**

**Small Agency - Big Results**





## **Project Updates from the Office of Planning & Development**

Construction of the first phase of sidewalk is underway on West Avenue. Sidewalks along the east side of West Avenue are being constructed between State Route 26 and Osprey Lane. This project also includes a completely reconstructed roadway with roadway drainage features, new sidewalk on Oakwood Avenue and new pavement markings for enhanced safety.

Design of two additional phases of sidewalk along Woodland Avenue is near completion. The first segment of sidewalk along Woodland Avenue between State Route 26 and Hudson Avenue will be completed this spring. This project consists of sidewalk along the west side of Woodland Avenue, a reconstructed Woodland Avenue to include roadway drainage and new pavement markings. The second segment of sidewalk will be constructed along the north side of Daisey Avenue, from Woodland Avenue to Central Avenue and along Central Avenue to the Assawoman Canal. This project will also include a reconstructed Daisey Avenue with geometric improvements at the intersection of Daisey Avenue and Central Avenue and drainage improvements at the intersection of Daisey Avenue and Woodland Avenue. Construction is expected to commence in the fall of 2022.

Design of the final segment of sidewalk along Woodland Avenue will begin in May 2022. This segment will include sidewalks along the west side of Woodland Avenue, roadway reconstruction and new pavement markings.

Our FY 2023 paving cycle is scheduled to begin May 1<sup>st</sup>. Following the curb replacement on October Glory Avenue last year, a segment of October Glory Avenue between Sycamore Street and Willow Oak Avenue was paved. The remainder of October Glory Avenue between Sycamore Street and Magnolia Street will be paved this year.

ADA improvements in the Savannah's Landing Community are almost complete! Last year we were able to remove and replace 118 driveway aprons to bring them into compliance with current ADA standards. This year the Town will complete the remaining 72 locations.

The Country Village and Country Estates Drainage Project has been advertised for bid. The Town Manager will be accepting bids for the project on May 3, 2022. This project, which was delayed, is scheduled to commence in the fall of 2022.

Drainage improvements were completed last year along Mitchell Avenue between Sussex and Delaware Avenue.

Sidewalk and curb repairs were completed last year in the Avon Park Community.

The Fairway Village Community has been completed. The Town Engineer inspected the streets, and the town accepted the streets for future maintenance.

The Smithfield Community, substantially completed in 2017, was inspected by the Town Engineer and accepted for future maintenance.

### **Blue Star Memorial Garden**

**Corner of Atlantic and Woodland Avenues**

**Thank you to our partners!**

**Salt Air Gardeners, VFW Post 7234, George & Lynch Inc., Delmarva Power, Collins Landscaping, Apple Electric and the Town of Ocean View! Unveiled May 23rd!**

### **Mosquito Season Is Here!**

The mosquito control plan for Ocean View is comprised of two distinct operations including DNREC and the Ocean View Public Works staff that work to provide a comprehensive treatment plan. Treatment is contingent upon acceptable weather at the time of application. Larvae treatments have already begun, and weekly mosquito spraying will begin the end of May and continue until the end of September. Spraying will take place on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 2:30 and 6:00am.

**Visit our website at [www.OceanViewDe.Gov](http://www.OceanViewDe.Gov)**



Cops & Goblins 2021, some of Ocean View's Finest & our contest winners!



**South Coastal Village Volunteers!**

**Now located at the Community Center**

**32 West Ave. (formerly Town Hall)**

**Office Hours are Monday through Friday  
10 a.m.—2 p.m.**

South Coastal Village Volunteers (SCVV) is one of the tenants in our Community Center. SCVV is an organization of neighbors helping neighbors within Ocean View, Bethany Beach and Millville. It is now in its second year of operations. Volunteers provide services such as rides, small household chores, errand-running and most importantly, social visits or calls to the elderly members. This enables the members to stay in their homes as long as they can. SCVV currently is serving 40 members and has a volunteer force of almost 90. SCVV is a branch of Village Volunteers, a non-profit approved 501(c)(3) organization serving Lewes, Rehoboth Beach and Milton.

## Seasons of Family Fun

**at John West Park!**

### Summer Classic Movie Theme Nights

**the fun begins @ 7:30 p.m. &  
the movies @ 8:30 p.m.**

**June 8 - BEACH BLANKET BINGO**, with themed music by Darren O'Neill & More!

**June 15 - PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN**, Curse of the Black Pearl. Plus a "pirate" bounce house, eye patches, tattoo's...

**June 22**—Animated **TARZAN** directly following the Jungle John Reptile Show & more family activities!

### Fall 2022 Concert Series

**5:30 p.m. start**

**Sept 9 - Monkee Paw**

**Sept 16 - Hot Sauce**

**Sept 23 - Over Time**

### Cops & Goblins

October 29th 1:00 - 4:00p.m.

Rain date October 30th

### Old Town Holiday Market, Tree Lighting & Trail of Lights

November 26th 2 - 5:30p.m.

Rain date November 27th





## Town of Ocean View American Rescue Plan Act Funds Provide Support to the Millville Volunteer Fire Company, Building Improvement Campaign!

On April 12th the Mayor and Council presented a check for \$100,000 to the Millville Volunteer Fire Company in support of its building improvement and expansion project! The Millville Volunteer Fire Company provides fire and ambulance service to the Town of Ocean View and the surrounding areas including Millville and unincorporated areas of Sussex County. These funds are expected to assist in making necessary improvements that will improve the fire company's ability to recruit and maintain dedicated members in the years ahead!



Millville Volunteer Fire Company President Greg Hocker and Vice President Tietmeyer accepted the award. Fire Chief Rickards was also in attendance.

## Lifelong Learning Opportunities – in Ocean View!

Through our partnership with the University of Delaware, fun learning opportunities are available locally. The University of Delaware's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) holds classes at the Ocean View Community Center on Mondays and Wednesdays during the fall and spring semesters. The programs cover topics like English Country Dance, Mah Jongg, history and watercolor. Fall classes start in September; spring classes start in February.

UD's OLLI program is designed as a learning cooperative for adults age 50-plus to take classes and socialize together with no grades or exams. Members just learn for the fun of it. In addition to Ocean View, OLLI classes are also offered online, as well as in Bridgeville, Dover and Lewes. There's something for everyone! OLLI has been holding Ocean View classes since 2014.

This summer, OLLI invites you to join them for a fun English Country Dance class that meets at Ocean View Community Center on Wednesday afternoons in July, as well as a wide variety of online classes, and classes meeting on-site in Lewes, like stained glass, card-making and history of the Pony Express. Social distancing and health protocols will be followed. The fee for summer OLLI membership is \$95, which includes unlimited online or in-person course registration.

**For more information, contact OLLI at [olli-kent-sussex@udel.edu](mailto:olli-kent-sussex@udel.edu), or visit [olli.udel.edu/kent-sussex](http://olli.udel.edu/kent-sussex).**

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