

TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW

A Message from Mayor Reddington

As I begin my second term as Mayor it seems an appropriate time to share some insight into an important aspect of our Town operations, that of communication. Over the last three years the Town has worked towards addressing the needs and recommendations that came out of our 2020 Comprehensive Planning process. In doing so, we have strived to keep you aware by using many avenues, however it never seems we can do enough to get everyone to pay attention and take advantage of the many ways they can stay informed, and in turn be involved. The Council and staff still hear from some who say they didn't know about this or that. When asked if they ever checked our website, read the local paper, tuned in to Ocean View TV, connected via Facebook, or watched or attended a meeting, they often respond no! Well, at the risk of being snarky, in order to be informed, one must put some level of effort forth. It's very disheartening when someone jumps to a conclusion or shares inaccurate information, sometimes via social media simply because they haven't taken the time to get the facts. Our staff is constantly trying to think of new ways to communicate and I have been impressed with the level of effort and creativity. Our Council meetings are offered live via You-Tube feed! The Town maintains a government access channel (Mediacom channels 78 & 818) that you need only watch weekly to stay relatively informed or pointed to where you can get more information. I encourage you to do your part, as the Town has been accomplishing a lot with an eye towards quality of life and maintaining property values in our community! I point you to our website (www.oceanviewde.gov) where you can find a great deal of information, including our Services At A Glance piece, review the information scroll section for highlights, locate meeting agenda, and minutes, etc. Likewise, in this issue of our newsletter we are encouraging all property owners to register for SMART911, and other communication opportunities related to emergency preparedness. Thank you if you have stuck with me this long and please help us, help you by doing your part to stay informed and engaged in our community.

Very Sincerely, Mayor John Reddington

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Spring 2023

TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor
John
Reddington

District 1
Steve Cobb

District 2
Colleen
Twardzik

District 3
Jay Tyminski

District 4
Donald Walsh

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



Ocean View Property Tax Information:

Your **2023 Ocean View Property Tax Statement** is enclosed with this newsletter. We continue to offer a **1% discount** if you pay your taxes early or by July 31, 2023. The final tax due date is **August 31, 2023** after which a penalty of 1½ % per month will be added to any unpaid taxes.

The Millville Fire Company's discounted ambulance subscription included on your bill is not eligible for a discount, but entitles your property to service for a full year at no extra cost. 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.**

Your 2023 property taxes can be paid 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. This includes contractors that work at your property.

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 12 for contact information and keep it for future reference!

(OVTV) OCEAN VIEW TELEVISION

WE OFFER IT JUST FOR YOU! PLEASE TUNE IN!



ANNOUNCEMENT

Project



UPCOMING EVENTS



**WATCH REGULARLY TO STAY INFORMED
ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR TOWN!
Found on MEDIACOM CHANNELS 78 & 818**

Town Council News

The Town of Ocean View operates on a non-partisan basis and therefore conducts its municipal elections for the Mayor and Council in that manner, with no party affiliation but a strong focus on our local community.

We congratulate Mayor John Reddington, returning to serve our community for a 2nd term and new Councilman for District 3 Jay Tyminski who ultimately ran unopposed, and thank them for their commitment to service! Mr. Robust who also ran for the Mayoral seat is thanked for his interest to serve, and all three for participating in our Candidates' night prior to election day! A swearing in ceremony, conducted by Town Solicitor Veronica Faust was held on April 25th. Both Mayor Reddington and Mr. Tyminski have been actively involved in our community and with the Town for years prior to serving on Council. Lastly, District 4 Councilman Donald Walsh was confirmed to serve as Mayor Pro-Tem.



Far left, Mayor Reddington presented outgoing Mayor Pro-Tem and District 3 Councilman Thomas Maly with a plaque recognizing his dedicated service to our community. Councilman Maly served 2 terms as an actively engaged member of Town Council. Center and right, Mayor Reddington and incoming District 3 Councilman Jay Tyminski were sworn in by Town Solicitor Veronica Faust with wives Mary and Andrea by their side.

A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was held last fall to open our new Bocce Ball Courts.

Members of the Special Olympics Delaware Riptides Bocce Ball team, coaches and parents were on hand as well as our Town Council, employees and Natelli Communities, LP. It is with sincere gratitude that the Town thanks Natelli Communities for its generous donation and construction of our courts!



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32 West Avenue - Adjacent John West Park

Enjoy free summer tours of the Historic Village every Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. June through August!

Experience the Civil War era Tunnell-West House, original 1889 Ocean View Post Office, a replica of Cecile Steele's first chicken house, Hall's Store Visitor and Education Center and the Coastal Towns' Museum with its historic barn, three-seater outhouse, woodshed and more! **With your support in 2022**, we hosted the return of the popular Chicken Festival, held a Grand Opening for the Coastal Towns Museum and welcomed the Smithsonian Crossroads Exhibit. **In 2023** we have resumed our **free lectures** for the community, we're launching a fundraising campaign for exterior façade repairs of the Tunnell-West House, will be refreshing our website and continuing our partnership with the Town of Ocean View, open during most Town Events! Please visit www.hvov.org/membership to become a member or to donate. **Call 302.593.8814** for information or to set up a private tour.



L to R above, Historic Village members at the Grand Opening of Hall's Store in Nov. 2022: Zach Powell, Cheryl Powell, Lene Kuhblank, Dick Nippes, Barbara Slavin, Lorie Slavin, Kaye Reese, Lt. Gov. Bethany Hall-Long, Carol Psaros, Marsha Evans, and Gordon Wood.

Our mission is to preserve, interpret, collect, and educate about local history as the area continues to develop and grow! Our all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization needs your support to stay viable. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, please contact Cheryl Powell at volunteer@hvov.org. **Don't forget to check us out on Facebook!**



Blue Star Memorial Garden (Corner of Atlantic & Woodland)
Thank you to our partners from the **Salt Air Gardeners**, for keeping our memorial site beautiful! The memorial was dedicated last May! Our other partners for the project's development included George & Lynch, Ocean View VFW Post 7234, Delmarva Power & Collins Landscaping!



DELAWARE LAW ENFORCEMENT TORCH RUN - "WINNIE SPENCE" 2023 TORCH RUNNER

Corporal Brian Caselli of the Ocean View Police Department

Torch Runner of the Year is the most prestigious honor that can be bestowed upon a law enforcement officer who supports the ideals, values, and principals of the Delaware Law Enforcement for Special Olympics movement. The recipient strives to take every opportunity to further the partnership between law enforcement and Special Olympics ultimately benefiting the athletes who reside across the great state of Delaware. The Statewide Torch Run will take place from Wednesday, June 7 through Friday June 9, 2023.

Corporal Caselli will have the distinct honor and privilege to deliver the Flame of Hope, on behalf of the entire Delaware Law Enforcement community, to 2019 Athlete of the Year Gene Giuliani, at the Opening Ceremony of the Summer Games on Friday, June 9 at the University of Delaware. "I remember the feeling of awe when I first entered the opening ceremony in 2014 as one of the many assisting officers." Caselli recalled. "So, to be the person selected to carry the torch in, I can only imagine how I will feel that day. It's an amazing honor and I am so grateful for the opportunities I've been given with Special Olympics."



Corporal Brian Caselli

Ocean View Police Department

Accredited by the State of Delaware,
Awarded the 2021, 2022 and 2023 Lexipol
Gold Level Recognition for Excellence in
Policy Development & Training!

Small Agency - Big Results



Chief Kenneth McLaughlin

Chief Kenneth McLaughlin a 2023 Joshua M. Freeman Valor Award

Chief of Police, Kenneth McLaughlin was the Town of Ocean View 2023 Joshua M. Freeman Valor Award recipient, recognized on May 5th, having been nominated in association with the Ocean View Police Department's (OVPD's) strong and consistent service to our community under his leadership. The recommendation, submitted to the Valor Award committee by Captain Heath Hall acknowledged the recent achievements of the OVPD and its consistently strong commitment to community policing, engagement and cooperative training programs with other local law enforcement agencies.

A high level of support for local community groups and organizations has been maintained year after year by the department, gaining it the reputation for giving back and truly helping to make a difference! To that end, local churches, businesses, the Chamber of Commerce, Special Olympics Delaware and other non-profits refer to the OVPD as their partner, with Chief McLaughlin as the face of the department.

Looking back, the OVPD under Chief McLaughlin's time with the Town has been an innovator in the state in regard to many improvements in policing, including having been one of the first agencies in the state to deploy patrol rifles and defibrillators in our vehicles, to purchase and train officers in the proper use of tasers, body cameras, and the administration of Narcan. Likewise, the launch of a successful award-winning police department volunteer support program.

Chief McLaughlin accepted this honor on behalf of all of the officers of the OVPD later citing that "all of the accomplishments and engagements of the department are a true team effort which he has been proud to be a part of!"

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Cheers to Getting Projects Done in our Community!

Drainage Projects

The Country Village/Country Estates Drainage Improvement Project is under construction and will be completed by May of 2023. Drainage improvements in Country Estates along Colt Lane and Frontier Court have been completed. Drainage improvements in Country Village along South Horseshoe Drive, South Primrose Drive, Windmill Drive and Bridle Lane are ongoing.

The Hudson Avenue Pipe Culvert Replacement Project was completed in April of 2023. This project included the installation of new 34" x 53" concrete pipe under the roadway.

The final phase of drainage improvements in Country Estates is being designed. This project will address drainage concerns along Winchester Drive and North Horseshoe Drive. Construction is anticipated to take place in 2024.

The final phase of drainage improvements in Woodland Park is being designed. This project will address drainage concerns on Holly Lane, Maple Lane, and Maple Way. A construction schedule has not been set yet.

The final phase of drainage improvements in The Cottages is being designed and will be completed this Spring. This project will address drainage concerns along Columbia Avenue, Sally Lane, and Port Royal Road. Construction is anticipated for fall of 2023.

Drainage improvements in Savannah's Landing are scheduled for this year. This project will address ponding issues along the roadway at various locations throughout the community.

Drainage improvements in the Hunters Run Community will take place this year. This project will begin replacing deteriorated corrugated metal drainage pipes throughout the community.

ADA Improvement Projects

ADA improvements in the Savannah's Landing Community are almost complete! The remaining 72 locations are being constructed and should be completed prior to May 1, 2023. A total of 190 driveway aprons were reconstructed.

ADA improvements along Central Avenue in front of the town Administrative Offices will commence this summer. Sidewalks will be constructed to allow for positive drainage along the walking surface.

Pavement Rehabilitation Projects

Resurfacing took place this April in Bear Trap Dunes along October Glory Avenue from Sycamore Street to Magnolia Drive and Willow Oak Avenue from Central Avenue to Magnolia Drive.

Intersection improvements at the intersection of Central Avenue and Wedgfield Blvd. are being investigated. Widening of the right turn lane at Wedgfield Blvd. may take place to allow for school buses to enter the community and pick up school age children.

Mosquito Season Is Here!

Our mosquito control plan is comprised of two distinct operations including DNREC and the Town Public Works staff, offering a comprehensive treatment process. Larvae treatments have already begun, and weekly 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 & 6:00 a.m., contingent upon acceptable weather.



Mayor Reddington and Town Manager Houck helping with the March for Meals event hosted by the Ocean View Cheer Center's Meals on Wheels Program.

Visit www.cheerde.com/ocean-view for more information and other offerings.

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Open Space Purchase that Aligns with our Comprehensive Plan

Design of a natural area at the intersection of Double Bridges Road and Muddy Neck Road will begin this year. Ocean View purchased the property to preserve open space, **using grant funds not tax dollars to do so!** **The Town has also secured grant funds from the state DOT *Transportation Alternative Program* for facility design and construction totaling 80% of the projected project cost of \$1.2 million (approximately \$960,000) and a grant from the DNREC Trails Program totaling \$60,000.** The facility is planned to include a walking trail and a raised boardwalk over the tidal marsh allowing you to enjoy the pristine natural area and its wildlife. Please note a word cloud below from our 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update outreach efforts which attempts to demonstrate the interests given greater prominence by our community. We are also actively considering opportunities to develop pickleball courts, and secure additional in-town water access to the Assawoman Canal.



Rendering for open space purchase in advance to design



The new sidewalks along West Avenue not only provide for a safe way to walk to our Town's popular John West Park, but they have improved the look of the street and add to the sense of community !

Please note: We have been notified by the state DOT that improvements to **Muddy Neck Road** in Ocean View are planned for this summer and will include much needed bike lane improvements. The Town has requested the project not be started until September due to heavier traffic along this roadway during the peak season. Stay Tuned!



Well attended by the community !



2022 Old Town Holiday Market

**Seasons of Family Fun
at Beautiful John West Park! (32 West Ave)**

Summer Concert Series
Friday's from 7 to 9 p.m.

**June 2 - Glass Onion
June 9 - Hot Sauce
June 16 - Over Time
June 23 - Monkee Paw**

Fall Classic Movie Theme Nights
Friday Nights

**6:30 p.m. themed activities start,
movies begin at 7:30 p.m.**

**Sept. 8 - To Catch a Thief
Sept. 15 - The Adventures of Robin Hood
Sept. 22 - American Graffiti
(50th Anniversary Showing!)**

8th Annual Cops and Goblins
Saturday , Oct. 28, from 1 to 4 p.m.
The areas best Halloween Event!

Old Town Holiday Market
Tree Lighting & Trail of Lights
Saturday, Nov. 25, from 1 to 5:30 p.m.
**Vendors, food, train rides, kids craft,
musical performances, a special visitor
and More!**

Save this page!



Cops & Goblins Peak a Boo



Concerts in the park -Hot Sauce Band



Classic Movie Nights

School Resource Officer Update

As you may know, the Ocean View Police Department began the placement of a School Resource Officer (SRO) at Lord Baltimore Elementary School in September under an agreement with the Indian River School District. The program is intended to be maintained and funded partly by the Town as well as through local fundraising efforts.

“The SRO program is off to a great start and is already having a positive impact on our students”, said school Principal Pamela Webb. Principal Webb also shared, “SRO Bradshaw has been busy engaging with the students, teachers and parents. He has delivered the Eddie Eagle Gun Safe Program to all Kindergarten through 4th grade classes. Over 450 students got to participate. The Eddie Eagle program focuses on 4 easy to recall steps to follow (STOP, DON'T TOUCH, RUN AWAY and TELL A GROWN-UP) if you encounter a gun.

In April, along with the state DOT, third graders participated in a Bike Safety program including participation in a Bike Rodeo. The Bike Rodeo highlighted bike safety and the importance of wearing a bike helmet and following traffic laws. DelDOT set up the bike course in the parking lot.

In late May, the OVPD and the Drug Enforcement Agency are teaming up to provide the 4th and 5th grades with a one day Drug Awareness presentation that will focus on legal vs. illegal drugs, alcohol and marijuana, and provide strategies to stay drug free. Additional offerings will include the HERO Anti-Bullying program and basic first aid/cpr training for the students.

Interested community members may **help support the continuation of the SRO program** at Lord Baltimore by mailing a donation to: **FOP LODGE 16 OVPD/SRO; P.O. Box 966, Bethany Beach, DE 19930**



NEW!!! The Ocean View, Community Emergency Response Team!

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may occur where they live. CERT trains volunteers in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. The Federal Emergency Management Agency developed CERT program offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, allowing them to focus on more complex tasks.

The Town of Ocean View is currently developing a CERT and interested property owners can contact Chief McLaughlin at Kenneth.McLaughlin@state.de.us to inquire about participation.

Millville Volunteer Fire Company Discounted Ambulance Subscription is Now \$50 a Year

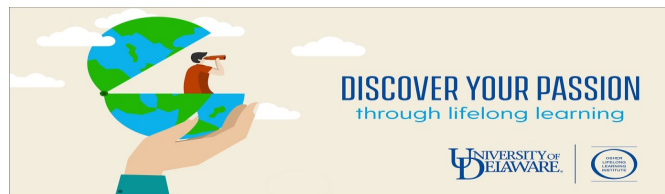
Since 2016 the Town has been making available a discounted ambulance subscription totaling \$35 a year that renders properties eligible for ambulance service with no additional after event costs! In April, it was determined that the discounted rate would increase for the first time to \$50 a year, addressing the higher costs associated with the fire company maintaining its professional paramedic crews and equipment. Service to participating properties is provided to owners, family members, guests and even tenants, and short term renters!



South Coastal Village Volunteers
Located at the Ocean View Community Center
32 West Avenue (formerly Town Hall)
Open Monday through Friday 10 AM – 2 PM

South Coastal Village Volunteers (SCVV) is one of the tenants of our Community Center. SCVV is an organization that enables older adults to remain in their homes in Ocean View, Bethany Beach, Millville and South Bethany by providing volunteer help. SCVV, now in its third year of operations, offers services to members such as transportation, running errands, help with small household chores, technology, and social visits and calls. The organization currently has 66 members and almost 110 volunteers. SCVV is an affiliate of Village Volunteers, a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization which serves Lewes, Rehoboth, and Milton. For further information on volunteering, membership or donating...

Call 302-500-1281 or go to: www.southcoastalvillagevolunteers.org.



Lifelong Learning Opportunities – in Ocean View! A learning cooperative for adults age 50-plus.

Since 2014, the University of Delaware, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) has offered classes at the Ocean View Community Center (32 West Avenue). Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays during the fall and spring. The programs include dance classes, learning the Chinese game Mah Jongg, history, watercolor and more! **New this summer**, OLLI invites you to join them for an English Country Dance class that will meet on Wednesday afternoons in July. **For full information on program offerings, contact OLLI at olli-kent-sussex@udel.edu, or visit olli.udel.edu/kent-sussex.**

GET THE FACTS REGARDING OUR CABLE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT with MEDIACOM!

Our agreement relates solely to Cable TV. It does not cover the company's internet service or broadband. The Town has no restrictions regarding entering agreements with other cable and internet providers and have been actively engaged with Comcast regarding its entering our area to provide service since 2019.

Visit our website to view the full information and help us to [stop the spread of inaccurate information!](#)

Visit our website at www.OceanViewDe.Gov

This page should have the Smart 911 flyer added

Town of Ocean View, 201 Central Avenue, Ocean View, DE

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