TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW, DE

Spring 2026

A Message from the Mayor...

Having recently been sworn in as the Mayor of Ocean View, I'm certainly looking forward to getting involved and engaging on behalf of our great Town! Thank you for your support and please know, as I've served on the Council in the past, and remained involved since, I plan to hit the ground running! Likewise, I'm happy to be in office as we begin our fiscal year 2027, with a balanced budget, important infrastructure projects lined up, great community event offerings in the works, as well as the launch of our Tax Rate Stabilization Trust Fund! Not to mention having maintained our recognition as one of the safest places to live and operate a business in the state of Delaware!

Along with my fellow council members, I urge you to get involved, and join us as we come together during community events in John West Park. There are many opportunities to get involved, some requiring minimal time. Take time to watch our government access channel OVTV, and participate in our meetings in person or stay up to date by watching our YouTube channel or visiting our website where agenda and minutes are readily available! I can promise you, your involvement will be rewarding. In closing, all my best for a great summer!



Mayor, Tom Maly

TOWN COUNCIL

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Council meets monthly on the 2nd Tuesday @ 3 p. m. & if needed the 4th Tuesday @ 3 p. m. 32 West Ave. See our website for monthly postings and updates.



Ocean View Community Center on a recent winter day...



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS VISIT
PrepareDE.Org
Make a Plan-
Build a Kit – Stay informed!

Visit our website at www.OceanViewDe.Gov

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.

The swearing in of Ocean View's newly elected Mayor, Tom Maly (below, far left) with wife Katherine by his side and Councilmen for District 1, John Planchart and District 3, Jay Tyminski (below, middle) took place at the re-organization meeting of April 28th, 2026. Join us in congratulating the new and returning members and thank them for their commitment to our Town! Councilman Tyminski, who ran unopposed was appointed as Mayor Pro Tem. Lastly, Mayor Maly presented a plaque of appreciation from the Town to departing Mayor John Reddington for his 6 years of dedicated service to Ocean View.






The Town of Ocean View operates under a Council-Manager form of government, the most popular structure of government in the United States for local municipalities. Under this form, residents elect a governing body, in our case a Mayor and four District Council members, that are charged with adopting legislation and setting policy. The governing body hires a professional Town Manager that serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the Town, having the executive authority to carry out policies, develop the annual budget and accept the responsibility for our local government's day to day operations.

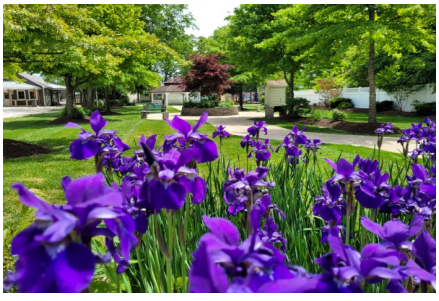
Ocean View Property Tax Information:

Your **2026 Ocean View Property Tax Statement** is enclosed with this newsletter. We continue to offer a **1% discount** if you pay your your taxes early by July 31, 2026. The final due date for tax payments is **August 31, 2026,** after which a penalty of 1 1/2 % 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 the 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 information purposes only as your mortgage company should remit your tax payment on your behalf. Please confirm with your mortgage company if you are not sure and always remember to **notify us of any change in mailing address** to ensure our ability to contact you.

Your 2026 property Taxes can be paid in the following ways:

Online payments – visit Http://www.oceanviewde.gov and click on the online payment link
24 Hour Drop Box – 201 Central Avenue – Administrative Offices (located at rear entrance)
By Mail – 201 Central Avenue, Ocean View, DE 19970

Ocean View Delaware: "A vibrant coastal community, nestled between the beach and the bay."



Ocean View TV (OVTV)

Please tune in to our government access channel to stay informed and engaged! Found on Mediacom channels 78 & 818 Town Council, Boards & Commission meetings are aired regularly.

Or Visit our **YouTube Channel** and watch Live

HISTORIC VILLAGE IN OCEAN VIEW

Access from 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, the original 1889 Ocean View Post Office, a replica of Cecile Steele's first chicken house, Hall's Store Visitor and Education Center (available to rent for private events) and the Coastal Towns Museum with its historic barn, three-seater outhouse, woodshed and more!

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 – **Donations Welcome!**

Visit www.hvov.org for more information or Call 302.593.8814 to set up a private tour, or inquire about Hall's Store event rentals. **Volunteers Needed** - contact Cheryl at volunteer@hvov.org.





Thank you Ocean View Brewing Company!!!

HVOV Board Member's celebrate the launch of ***Ocean View Brewing Company's "Historic Village In Ocean View IPA"***, created in celebration of our State's 250th anniversary in 2026 and as part of the ***Quiet Resorts Chamber of Commerce Fire & Ice event***. Proceeds benefited the HVOV! ***It Takes A Village!***

Ocean View's Blue Star Memorial Garden

(Atlantic & Woodland Avenues)

Beautification performed by our partners from the

Salt Air Gardeners

What a lovely spot to stop, rest and take a moment to appreciate the current and past members of our armed services.





Celebrating our employees, volunteers, boards and committee members is a highlight each year during our appreciation luncheon!

Understanding your access to a discounted ambulance subscription service with the *Millville Volunteer Fire Company...*

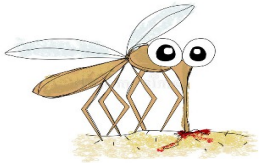
All improved properties in the Town are billed (along with your property tax bill), for the cost of **discounted ambulance service** provided by the Millville Volunteer Fire Company. For clarity, the fire company is not a Town of Millville operation, it just happens to share the same name. With the subscription fee, your property will receive ambulance services for a full year at no extra cost. This includes owners, guests or tenants!.

Absent the subscription, your property is subject to higher costs for each call, sometimes in excess of $400 each. When you subscribe at time of paying your property taxes the total value associated with the subscription ($50) is passed along to the Millville Volunteer Fire Company by the Town to support its ambulance program in our community. If you subscribe you will not receive a bill for ambulance service from Millville Volunteer Fire. If you receive a bill in error, contact the fire company at 302-539-7557 so they can correct the billing error.

Mosquito Season Is Here!

Our mosquito control plan is comprised of two distinct operations including DNREC and the Town's Public Works staff, offering a comprehensive treatment program. Larvae treatments and weekly spraying have already begun and will continue through September.

Spraying takes place on Tuesday and Friday mornings between 2:30 & 6:00 a.m., contingent upon favorable weather conditions.



Smart911.com

We encourage you to Sign up today!

Because every second counts!

Go to Smart911.com and click on "Sign Up"!

Afterwords when you call 9-1-1 from a registered phone number, the 9-1-1 system recognizes your number and automatically displays your profile on the screen of the emergency operator who takes your call. The data is secure and only available to emergency service personnel when you call 911.

Infrastructure Projects Funded, Completed or Underway in our Community! Maintaining our infrastructure is a priority!

Drainage Improvements in the Deep Hole Tax ditch Prong 4 under Eastgate Boulevard in Avon Park were completed in December 2025.

Drainage Improvements in Woodland Park are scheduled to commence in August 2026. This project **will address drainage concerns** on Maple Way, Maple Lane, and Holly Lane.

Design of drainage improvements along Daisey Avenue, West of DeMarie Drive are being contemplated. This design effort may commence in late 2026 or early 2027.

Design of drainage Improvements for Oakwood Avenue, between Central Avenue and West Avenue will commence this year. Construction is anticipated to commence in early 2027.

Sidewalk and drainage improvements along Woodland Avenue, from south of Betts Avenue to Hudson Avenue commence in September 2026. This work will improve drainage along Woodland Avenue and complete a safe walkable environment from Woodland Avenue to the Assawoman Canal.

Drainage improvements were completed along Betts Avenue, west of Woodland Avenue, Elliott Avenue, and Kent Avenue in the Westview Community during summer 2025.

Design for the widening of Woodland Avenue, between Central Avenue and Muddy Neck Road will commence in May 2026. This project will add bike lanes in each direction of Woodland Avenue.

Design of sidewalks along Oakland Avenue, Central Avenue and Oakwood Avenue is underway. This project will bring pedestrian connectivity from Woodland Avenue to John West Park. The Town has been awarded funding from the DelDOT Transportation Alternatives Program in the amount of 80% of the cost of construction.

Street paving was completed on Hudson Avenue, Tingle Street, and Longview Drive April 2026.

Semi-annual Street sweeping was completed in Savannah's Landing, Hunters Run, Tidal Walk, Silver Woods, Johnsons Glade, Avon Park, Bear Trap Dunes, and Fairway Village in April 2026.



Elliott Avenue Before

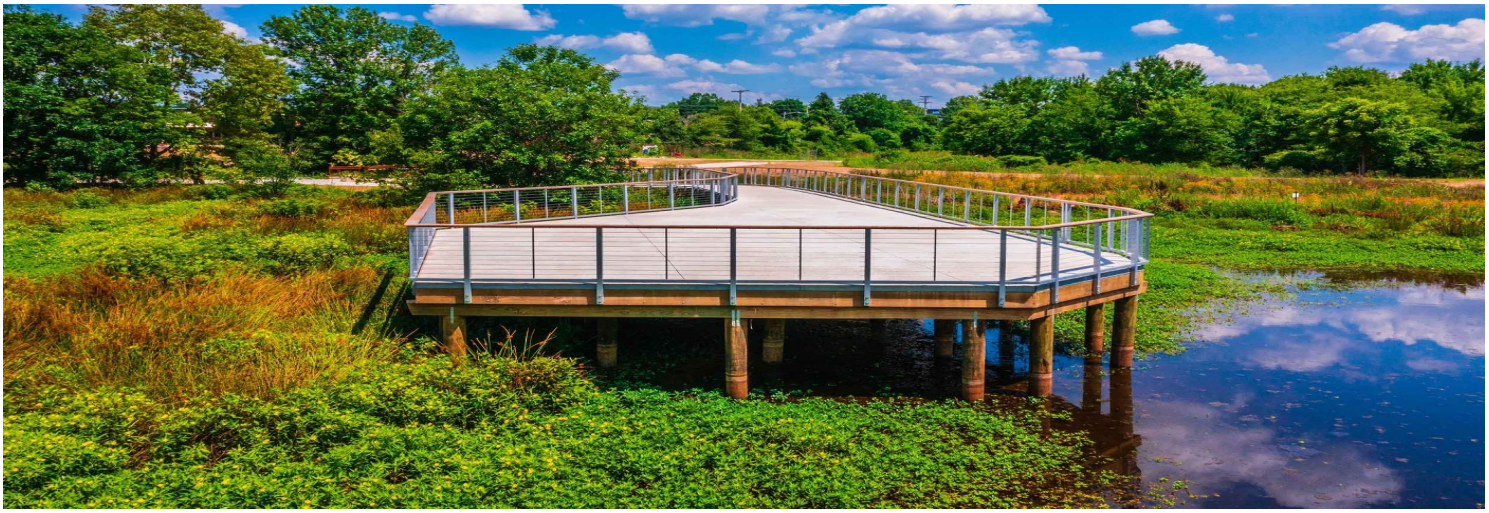


Elliott Avenue After our stormwater project

Berzins Nature Park & Trail... *Sea-grass Meadows and a Coastal Forest Habitat*

The contract to develop Berzins Nature Park and Trail was let in April and construction is expected to begin this fall at the intersection of Double Bridges and Muddy Neck Roads. As our second Town park, it will be distinctly different than the manicured beauty of the ever popular John West Park and playground. Berzins Nature Park will offer a raised boardwalk with scenic observation area, a walking trail through the upland pines (including whimsical features), a unique outdoor classroom/meeting area, small pavilion with tables, restrooms and educational kiosks!

We're happy to share that this project has been made possible through its association and synergy with the state's Department of Transportation's (DelDOT) Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant funding and Department of Natural Resources (DNREC) Outdoor Recreation Parks and Trails (ORPT) grants as well as support from our local legislators, Senator Hocker and Representative Gray through Community Reinvestment funds! **Stay Tuned!**



The **Sussex County Southeast Regional Police Accountability Commission** (PAC) is a state mandated advisory board that facilitates constructive dialogue between the community and its police departments. Our member agencies include the Towns of **Ocean View, Dewey Beach, South Bethany, Fenwick Island, Selbyville, Dagsboro and Frankford.** The Southeast Regional PAC aims to **enhance public safety, promote transparency, and strengthen community trust in law enforcement** by providing recommendations on police practices and policies.

Ocean View Police Department

Re-accredited by the State of Delaware Police Accreditation Commission in 2025!

The primary mission of the commission on accreditation is to improve the delivery of police services to the citizens of Delaware, aiming to ensure consistency in police operations across agencies.



Left to Right: Captain Heath Hall, OV Accreditation Manager Kendahl Hearn, Chief Kenneth McLaughlin, Homeland Security Sec. Josh Bushweller, POST Exec. Dir, Sean Moriarty, DPAC Accreditation Manager John Feehan

Seasons of Family Fun *(mark your calendar)*

at Beautiful John West Park! - 32 West Avenue

Summer Concerts

6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Bring your chairs or blankets!
Bonkey's Ice Cream Cart at every concert!



Friday, June 19 - **Love Seed Mama Jump**
(Scout Troop 281 food sales)
Thursday, June 25 - **The Castaway Band**
(Taco Reho food truck)
Thursday, July 9 - **Pistol Whipped**
(Scout Troop 281 food sales)
Thursday, July 23 - **Funsters**
(Scout Troop 281 food sales)
Thursday, August 13 - **West of One**
(Damm Good Fish & Chips food truck)
Thursday, August 27 - **Charlie & the Cool Tones**
(Luv Thai food truck)
Thursday, September 3 - **Hot Sauce**
(Scout Troop 281 food sales)



11th Annual Cops and Goblins

Saturday , Oct. 24th , from 1 to 4 p.m. (rain date Oct. 25)
The areas best Costume Event! Candy, Music, Food, Amusements!

8th Annual Old Town Holiday Market, Tree Lighting & Trail of Lights

Saturday, Nov. 28th, from 1 to 5:00 p.m. (rain date Nov. 29)
Vendors, food, train rides, kids craft, the **Indian River High School Concert Choir**, the **Belle Tones** and **Muzicopia** perform live!
Holiday tree lit at dusk with a special visitor from the North Pole!







Visit our partner organizations… ***conveniently located*** at the
Ocean View Community Center!
32 West Avenue - Adjacent John West Park



Lifelong Learning Opportunities – in Ocean View!

A learning cooperative for adults age 50-plus.

Since 2014, the U**niversity 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!

For full information on program offerings, contact OLLI at olli-kent-sussex@udel.edu, or visit olli.udel.edu/kent-sussex.

SOUTH COASTAL VILLAGE VOLUNTEERS

Office in the Ocean View Community Center
32 West Avenue
Open Monday to Friday 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

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 forth 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 Call 302-500-1281 or visit:

www.southcoastalvillagevolunteers.org.

Yoga in John West Park

Tuesdays & Thursdays - 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
June 16 to Aug. 13; Aug. 25 to Sept. 29
(No classes the weeks of June 8 and Aug. 16)
Meet at the Gazebo – Free Parking – Beautiful Setting!
Instructor – Barbara Popiel A Traveling Yogi
Licensed & Insured
Class Content: Breath-work * Meditation • Vinyasa Class
Required Equipment: Yoga Mat/Towel, Water Bottle & an Open mind!
$10/Class – Cash or Venmo



Tax Rate Stabilization Trust Fund – What's That?

In 2024 we began exploring the opportunity to develop a Tax Rate Stabilization Trust Fund (TRSTF) that would benefit our property owners and be sustainable. By 2025, we were ready to do so and are now in the final stages of its creation. With seed funding of $1.4 million from the proceeds of the sale of our fully outsourced water utility the fund was established early this year! Beginning in FY27 when developing the FY28 budget, the Town may if deemed appropriate and necessary utilize up to one-cent of the value of the current tax rate to credit property owners tax billings for the initial year of any necessary tax rate increase. The seed funds have been invested and may only be used for this purpose in association with the legislation that created the trust.

In regard to sustainability, the guardrail of only using the value of one-cent of the tax rate any given year if justified, and the requirement to pay back the trust during our code required full town reassessment every five years (less any investment earnings) offer the sustainability we were hoping to achieve while also allowing for an option to provide a desired leveling effect for any future tax rate increases. The initial years of the TRSTF will be monitored and evaluated to ensure ability to benefit our property owners.

Fu information regarding the establishment of the TRSTF is available on our website.

Financial Updates!

In case you didn't follow our annual budget process, the good news is that Ocean View adopted it's FY2027 Operating Budget (May 1, 2026 though April 30, 2027) with no need for a tax rate increase! Our tax rate therefore remains at .2578 per $100 assessed value. Looling bacl ten years, we've managed to limit our tax rate increases, having only increased by 9.3 cents inclusive of a three-cent reduction in FY23.

Ocean View has earned a Distinguished Budget Award for three years in a row from the Government Finance Officers Association and has received an Unmodified Audit, the highest a local government can achieve for the last eight years!

MEDIACOM CABiE FRANCHISE FACTS!

Mediacom is currently the only cable provider in Ocean View but that's only because no other provider has chosen to offer this service. We can and would negotiate additional cable franchise agreements if another company were interested. Nothing prohibits us from having more than one cable provider, many Towns and Cities in Delaware do. Regarding internet service in our area, it is also correct that currently Mediacom is the only option for most in Ocean View and some surrounding areas. However, internet service is not subject to a franchise agreement with a Town or City. Comcast is now offering residential cable and internet service in surrounding areas. We are told they will continue to add communities but have yet to receive a time frame for doing so in Ocean View. To that end, over the last six years, we've engaged with Comcast regarding their interest in serving our community with residential cable and internet. Their decisions to provide service are economically driven and based on the cost to build and the number of customers they expect to gain. As of now they advise that they continue to evaluate the timing for doing so. For now, any concerns related to internet or cable TV service from Mediacom that Ocean View property owners may have can be brought to the attention of the Town. We have successfully worled on issues for property owners with Mediacom representatives.

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Phone 302-539-9797 — Fax 302-537-5306

www.OceanViewDe.Gov - *OVTV Government Access* channels 78 & 818

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