

TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW
DELAWARE

March 8, 2022

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Kenneth L. Cimino, Director of Planning, Zoning & Development

VIA: Carol S. Houck, Town Manager

SUBJECT: Monthly Update for the Dept. of Planning, Zoning & Development as of
March 3, 2022

Maintenance & Operations

ADA sidewalk improvements in Savannah's Landing continue. This project should be completed by March 30, 2022. To date, 84 driveway aprons have been completed.

Capital Improvement Projects

The West Avenue Streetscape Project has commenced. Drainage features and sidewalks are currently being installed with the first sections of sidewalk being placed on March 2nd.

Design of geometric improvements at the intersection of Woodland Avenue and Daisey Avenue is wrapping up. This project also includes the construction of sidewalks on Daisey Avenue from Woodland Avenue to Central Avenue and along Central Avenue to the Assawoman Canal Trail.

Design of sidewalks from SR 26 to Hudson Avenue is wrapping up.

Land Use and Development

The developer of Silver Woods will appear before the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 17th to present their conceptual design for the next phase of construction in this Mixed Use Planned Community (MXPC). The developer proposes to construct 155 Villas on Parcel A, Parcel B and a portion of Parcel C.

The developer of Ocean View Beach Club will appear before the Planning and Zoning Commission on March 17th for a revision to a previously approved site plan to amend the multi-family area on Condominium Parcel M.

Traffic Safety

During the budget meeting on March 2nd, Mr. Dick Jennison, a resident of Ogre Drive, made inaccurate statements about the Town's implementation of recommended traffic safety measures identified in a speed study conducted on Ogre Drive dated September 3, 2020 (attached). Mr. Jennison specifically alleged that the Town said it would implement all of the recommendations identified by the speed study. Email correspondence with Mr. Jennison on October 21, 2020 (attached), shows the Town advised Mr. Jennison that it would only implement the signing improvements identified as Option 1 in the recommendations portion of the report. The speed study recommended as Option 2 the installation of centerline pavement markings if Option 1 does not achieve the desired results. The centerline pavement markings identified in Option 2 have not been installed because our data from our electronic speed monitoring signs, which operate 24 hours a day, indicate that the average speed on Ogre Drive during the month of February 2022 was 18 mph.

During the budget meeting on March 2nd, Ms. Elaine Cziraky, also a resident of Ogre Drive, stated that crosswalk markings needed to be installed at Ogre Drive and Velta Drive as well as Ogre Drive and Muddy Neck Road. Ms. Cziraky is also concerned that children and parents waiting for school bus pick up and drop off in the morning and afternoon are at risk of being involved in a crash with a motor vehicle because of the location of the bus stop.

Review of the signing and pavement marking plans for a proposed DelDOT resurfacing project on Muddy Neck Road indicate that DelDOT will not be installing a crosswalk at Muddy Neck Road and Ogre Drive.

The Town doesn't believe that crosswalks are warranted at the intersection of Ogre Drive and Velta Drive. Guidance from the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) suggests that certain conditions may not warrant the installation of crosswalks. These conditions include hourly peak pedestrian volume is <25 pedestrians per peak 4 hours. This condition is relevant to this intersection.

Locations of school bus stops are made by the Indian River School District. The Town has no role in this decision. Ms. Cziraky's concerns will be passed on to the school district.

Code Enforcement

We issued **two (2)** code violation notices for failure to obtain a building permit, **three (3)** code violations for failure to obtain a business license, and **eleven (11)** violations for failure to renew an annual rental license.

Permits & Certificates of Occupancy (C.O.'s)

Total building & sign permits issued in February: **25**

Total C.O.'s issued in February: **20**

Business & Rental Licenses

- Total Business & Rental Licenses issued for CY22: **1092**

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Cc: [Carol Houck](#); [Tom Maly](#); [John Reddington](#); "Ken(OVPD)"
Subject: RE: Ogre Drive Speed and Traffic Calming Study
Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2020 3:24:00 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[20201021135852.pdf](#)

Good afternoon Mr. Jennison,

Thank you for your comments.

Our office conducted this study at your request. It was our understanding from your presentation at the November 12, 2019 Town Council Meeting that the speeding and cut through traffic was so dangerous that it needed to be addressed immediately. We do not believe that there was prolonged reduction in driving due to the pandemic, especially during the warm weather months as evident by the traffic congestion on our local roads and the Route 26 corridor experienced through the Labor Day weekend. Again just a point of clarification, this study was conducted during the week of March 4, 2020 **prior** to the shutdown for COVID-19 and during the week of July 28, 2020 **after** everything re-opened. This office has no immediate plans to conduct any additional studies.

Have you ever considered that what you refer to as cut through traffic is actually residents in your own community accessing their properties in Ocean Way Estates Section 1, Section 2 and Section 3? Additionally, the section of Ogre Drive within the Incorporated Limits of the Town of Ocean View is a publicly owned roadway. This roadway is available for use by anyone with a drivers license operating a registered motor vehicle. Simply put, it's a public road that anyone has a legal right to use.

The number of crashes identified in the report is a reference to the number of reported motor vehicle crashes. There was one documented report of a crash involving a motor vehicle that sideswiped a mailbox on the same side of the road that it was traveling. If a crash isn't reported, there is no way to capture the information when conducting a traffic engineering study along a segment of roadway.

With respect to speeding, this study indicates that vehicle speeds on Ogre Drive (see attached) are within 5 MPH of the existing posted speed limit. The attached documents indicate that during the 8 day period from March 3, 2020 to March 11, 2020 the average speed of vehicular traffic was 19 MPH with an 85th percentile speed of 24 MPH. During the 7 day period of July 28, 2020 the average speed was 17 MPH with an 85th percentile speed of 22 MPH. These speeds are within 5 MPH of the existing posted speed limit.

It should be noted that the July speed data was collected after the Town installed Automated Speed Enforcement signs after the March 3, 2020 to March 11, 2020 data collection period. The installation of these signs was a proactive Traffic Calming Measure taken by the Town. These signs are nationally recognized as a non-construction Traffic Calming Measure suitable for subdivision roads with limited geometric options. As evident by the speed data attached, you can see that this traffic calming measure resulted in a reduction in speeds during the 7 day period of July 28, 2020 through August 3, 2020, with an overall reduction in both the average and 85th percentile speeds being 2 MPH. These Automated Speed Enforcement signs also capture real time traffic data affording us the ability to monitor the speed and volume of traffic

along Ogre Drive.

In closing, the Town will be implementing the signing improvements outlined in the recommendation section of this study.

Best regards,

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Subject: Re: Ogre Drive Speed and Traffic Calming Study

Dear Mr. Cimino:

Thank you for sharing this report with me. I will be sure to share this report with the Ryan Home residents on Ogre and Velta Drive(s) who endure the cut through traffic and speeders through our community.

I am shocked and surprised that the Town of Ocean View would not have delayed this report due to the fact that we are in the midst of a global pandemic! The report was undertaken at the height of the Covid-19 virus which impacted every aspect of our daily lives, in particular, the reduction of the driving frequency and volume of just about everyone.

How could the Town of Ocean View consider utilizing the findings of this study as the basis to formulate remedies to address the cut-through traffic and speeders on Ogre Drive? I recommend that the study be tabled and redone when the virus is behind us, and a study that

reflects normalcy in traffic patterns can be conducted.

The section that directly addresses the number of crashes in a three-year period, being only one, woefully omits seven mailboxes that were hit and destroyed and the numerous trash and recycle cans that have been also hit. The total damage, both vehicle and property, should have been stated in this report to give a more accurate picture of the danger of Ogre Drive.

Lastly, it's shameful, that this report mentions NOTHING about any concern for the lack of pedestrian, bicyclists, and animal safety, in light of the fact that we live in a new development that was built with a very narrow road and NO SIDEWALKS!!

Respectfully,
Dick Jennison

On Friday, October 16, 2020, 11:26:02 AM EDT, Kenneth Cimino <adminov@oceanviewde.com> wrote:

Good morning Mr. Jennison and Ms. Donnelly,

Attached for your use is the completed Ogre Drive Speed and Traffic Calming Study performed earlier this year.

Please feel free to share this document with the residents in the community.

Let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

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