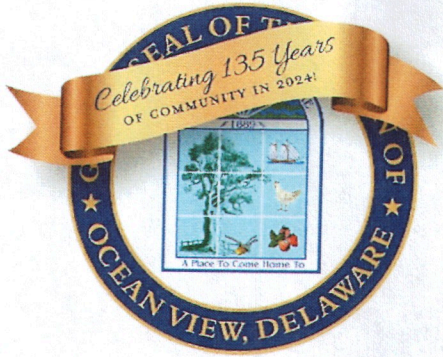




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From: kmagill@scdel.net <kmagill@scdel.net>
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2026 12:24 PM
To: Carol Houck <chouck@oceanviewde.gov>
Subject: Regarding speed trailer on Osprey Lane

Dear Carol:

I am writing regarding the speed trailer installed on Osprey Lane on Friday, Sept. 18. I would like to know the reasoning behind installing this piece of equipment in this location. As I understand it, the installation was done at the request of one resident. I find it odd that none of the other residents in the area were contacted or asked for their input.

What I also find odd is that this was placed in an area used by a whopping four homes. I have lived here for 26 years and even with the addition of Stingray Harbor, which is connected to the southeastern end of Osprey, these four homes are the only ones that routinely use this stretch of Osprey Lane.

There is one other home whose owners are rarely here, who would use the area of roadway being monitored.

There are no young children on the street who are endangered by any speeding. There is no speeding. There is one disabled adult resident two doors away from where the trailer was installed, but she is in no way endangered by vehicle traffic when she travels the neighborhood on her electric scooter. In fact, she expressed to me that she thinks the trailer's placement is ridiculous, as did her father, with whom she lives. They own one of the four homes targeted by this speed trailer.

I agree with her and wonder if this is setting a precedent wherein any resident who wants one can have a trailer installed, with no requirement of evidence of a speeding issue. Even if the Town of Ocean View receives grant funds for these trailers, someone is paying for their installation, use and maintenance. I am absolutely sure there are other areas in the Town where there are actual speeding issues, and where these trailers could be of better use.

As a resident of Ocean View and a taxpayer, I find this to be a complete waste of money and resources.

I would appreciate my letter being entered into official correspondence for the Town and I would appreciate it being read into the record at a Town Council meeting if that is a regular practice. I would

also consider presenting my concerns during public participation at a Town Council meeting if my schedule allows.

Thank you,
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Carol Houck

From: Carol Houck
Sent: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 1:30 PM
To: 'kmagill@scdel.net'
Cc: 'Ken McLaughlin'; Donna Schwartz
Subject: RE: Regarding speed trailer on Osprey Lane

Good afternoon Ms. McGill - Thank you for your outreach.

The background related to the placement of our speed trailer on Osprey is that the Town did receive a complaint/or complaints regarding vehicles speeding between Osprey Lane and Stingray Harbor.

The Town speed trailers are a tool used to respond to such speeding concerns. The Police Department moves the trailer periodically to different locations, including places where we have not received a complaint, but have observed speeding. It displays vehicle speeds to encourage drivers to slow down. The trailer also counts passing vehicles. It does not photograph or record images of vehicles. Rest assured that as a result there is no targeting of persons that can occur with the placement of the trailer.

We can download vehicle counts, as well, which can be used by planning and zoning. The data at times has provided information that suggests there is no documented speeding, which we then can share. If data determines a speeding issue, additional police patrolling would likely take place to address the concern.

The trailer is solar-powered and there is no cost to operate it. Officers or volunteers move it as part of their regular duties, so this deployment did not result in a deployment or installation cost. We also maintain multiple fixed speed display signs in areas with documented speeding concerns. In our experience, the displays, trailer, and targeted enforcement have helped significantly reduce speeding complaints. We therefore reserve the right to utilize as deemed necessary and with the best interest of our community in mind.

I don't believe we have previously received a similar complaint about the trailer's placement; residents generally welcome it. That said, it has been on Osprey Lane for several days, so we likely have data collected and will review it. I will leave it to the Police Department to determine if it's time to have it relocated, or if additional measures should be taken.

Both your email and this response will be included in the Oct Council agenda under communications.

Thank you again for your outreach. I hope that some of your concerns have been addressed. Carol