

TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW, DELAWARE
Proclamation
EXTRA MILE DAY, 2026

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View, Delaware , is a community which acknowledges that a special vibrancy exists within the entire community when its individual citizens, organizations, employees collectively “go the extra mile” in personal effort, volunteerism, and service; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View is a community which encourages its community and employees to maximize their personal contribution to the community by giving of themselves wholeheartedly and with total effort, and commitment: and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View, is a community which chooses to celebrate its local organizations who “go the extra mile” in order to make a difference or lift up fellow members of their community; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ocean View acknowledges the mission of **Extra Mile America** to identify Extra Mile towns and cities across America and is proud to support “**Extra Mile Day**” on November 1, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Tom Maly, of the Town of Ocean View, do hereby proclaim November 1, 2026, to be “**Extra Mile Day**”. In doing so, I urge each individual in the community to take time on this day to not only “go the extra mile” in his or her own endeavors, but to also acknowledge all those who are inspirational in their efforts and commitment to make their organizations, families, our community, country, or world a better place.

NOW THEREFORE, and FURTHER, in honor of “**Extra Mile Day**” 2026 the Town of Ocean View specifically highlights the contributions and “extra mile” commitment of the **Salt Air Gardeners** for their dedication towards beautification in Sussex County, and their continued partnership and engagement!

Having started along this path as a five person Herb Garden Committee in the Bay Forest development and expanding in 2016 to create the **Salt Air Gardeners**, their garden club quickly grew to 50 members. They’re now an independent, self-supporting club, and member of the Delaware Federation of Garden Clubs and the National Garden Club. Their members enjoy monthly meetings with guest speakers, programs, field trips, and workshops. That is, when their not working on gardening activities or participating in community events and projects, including their partnership with the Town of Ocean View in the creation and continued maintenance of our Blue Star Memorial By-Way Marker and Beautification site.

Partnering with the **Salt Air Gardeners** has been nothing but rewarding for the Town of Ocean View, given the can-do spirit and focused efforts of the garden club members. Ocean View values the efforts and contributions of the club on behalf of the community and is enjoying the fruits of the clubs labors as our Blue Star Memorial garden matures into the vision originally contemplated by the garden members. In turn, the garden members routinely share their knowledge and skills while increasing their own opportunities for social bonding and interaction with their community.

Other significant community projects include the Quiet Resorts Chamber of Commerce garden area, Brandywine Senior Living, Delaware Hospice, the Indian River Lifesaving Station garden and the

Indian River Inlet South Entrance kiosk area. These engagements call for regular maintenance, coordination regarding watering and mulching, plant selection, and of course weeding duties.

The beautification offered by each installation and the commitment of the club members to the sites represents the very spirit of ***Extra Mile Day!*** The positive impact of the garden and beautification areas contribute to our sense of community, while often transforming neglected spaces that otherwise would lack the welcoming pride of club members and the smiles of those who pass by.

As shared on the **Salt Air Gardeners** Website...

We love to garden!

“A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.” - a Greek Proverb

WHEREAS, In closing, the Town of Ocean View proudly and with all due respect and thankfulness recognizes the **Salt Air Gardeners** as its 2026 ***Extra Mile Day*** awardee and join more than 500 cities and towns across the country known as ***Extra Mile Day*** communities in sharing through this proclamation our appreciation of their efforts in going the extra mile in volunteerism and service to community!

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Signed this 1st day of November, the year 2026 by Mayor Tom Maly

Attested by Donna Schwartz, Town Clerk

_____, Date _____

Quote from Mayor Tom Maly (for the Extra Mile Day Coordinators):

“The Salt Air Gardeners are a force of nature to be sure! From their humble beginnings to establishment of the club, and now their impressive resume of beautification sites, we pause to recognize their efforts on behalf of our Town. No statement could support their engagement more than that of, **“going the extra mile”** in their hands on efforts working on projects that beautify and strengthen the spirit of our community!”