


**TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW
DELAWARE**

September 8, 2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Carol S. Houck, Town Manager 

SUBJECT: Town Manager Report for the Council Meeting of September 14, 2021

It is my pleasure to provide you with information related to the activities of the Town and my engagements during the past month:

Up Next! **Fall Concerts** 5:30 p.m. to 7 P.M.

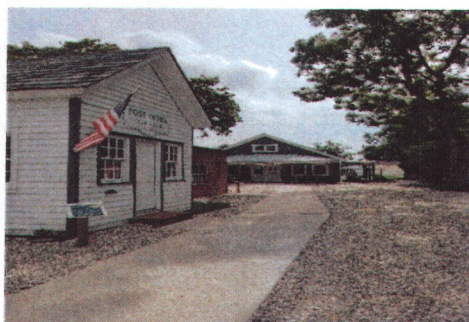
Sept 10	Over Time Band
Sept 17	Hot Sauce Band
Sept 24	Funsters

Cops and Goblins (Oct 30th) and Old Town Holiday Market, Tree Lighting and Trail of Lights (Nov. 27th) planning is underway!

Ocean View Historical Society – Coastal Towns Village

The Ocean View Historical Society's Coastal Town Village in Ocean View received its Certificate of Occupancy last week. The C/O was issued following the completion of the sidewalks that now provide ADA accessibility.

As you are aware, the Town committed \$15,000 towards the completion of the sidewalks. I am happy to share with you that the organizations fundraising efforts, including State Bond Bill funding received in August totaling \$18,000 resulted in only \$4,600 being funded by the Town.



The new sidewalks fits in very well and to me appears as if it has always been there. I thank Ken Cimino for his support of this effort and managing our contractors throughout the process. The

OVHS is eagerly awaiting opening the new facility and is working to hold its ribbon cutting and grand opening during our Old Town Holiday Market, Tree Lighting and Trail of Lights event.

Coastal Town's Historic Village – Chicken Festival Fundraiser

The Ocean View Historical Society has set the date of the Chicken Festival for **June 25, 2022** from noon to 6:30 p.m. in John West Park and all of the historic village buildings. You will recall the event was to have been held in 2020, but has been postponed since that time in association with the pandemic. More details will be shared in the months ahead.

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

I have completed an effort to identify options for the use of the Towns ARPA funds. This information is forthcoming and should likely be discussed during a Council Workshop. I propose that we hold a workshop in October on Tuesday, October 26th at 6p.m. Holding a workshop at this time will enable full discussion, followed by direction given at the November 9th Council Meeting.

Millville Volunteer Fire Department Open House

I have been informed that the Millville Volunteer Fire Department will hold an open house event on Sept 19 from 11am to 3pm at its Omar Road station.

Blue Star Memorial

As you know, we were approached by the Salt Air Gardeners with interest in working with the Town to develop a Blue Star Memorial in Ocean View. Council gave its support of such an effort. I am happy to share that DelDOT has provided verbal approval of the site for this purpose and shared a draft Use and Occupancy Agreement for the placement of the Memorial at the corner of Atlantic and Woodland Avenues. The Salt Air Gardeners have arranged for a fund raising concert event that will take place on Friday, October 15th at 7p.m. at 36328 Old Mill Road. They are handling all aspects of the event and have previously raised funds in this fashion for other memorials. Below please find the draft rendering of the memorial site.



American Planning Association Small Town Award!

As you are aware – but worth sharing again, Ocean View was awarded the American Planning Association Small Town Award for our 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update. The award is presented to an outstanding Comprehensive Plan that addressed the development of a neighborhood, community, county, or region. We're all very excited about this recognition and the level of engagement offered and taken advantage of by our community. I am very thankful for the efforts of the Planning and Development division under Ken Cimino's leadership, with a note of special appreciation to Assistant to the Director Jill Oliver for her efforts associated with our Comprehensive Plan update and submission.

One key to our success in this category we were told is our Towns efforts to work on/complete the items of our plan as identified.

South Coastal Village Volunteers

I am happy to advise that we have negotiated an extension of the lease with the SCVV through 2022 and good coordination is being observed between SCVV and OSHER.

Public Works Report

- 1.Daily Park safety checks and emptying trash and dog waste containers.
- 2.Oversight of Collins Lawncare weekly grass cutting at John West Park, 201 Central Ave. and other locations
- 3.Sprayed sidewalks on Atlantic Avenue for weeds.
- 4.Oversaw Pro Works maintenance service of all HVAC units at 201 Central and 32 West.
- 5.Administered weekly mosquito spraying throughout town.
- 6.Painted Council Chamber at 32 West, installed new handrail, hung canvas art photos, installed new paper towel holders in rest rooms, cleaned out closets.
- 7.Completed the trimming of various plants and bushes at John West Park and 32 West
- 8.Completed the trimming of Street signs in Hunters run, along West Avenue and in Savannah's landing.
- 9.Replaced missing No Wedge Field and Avon Park.
10. Completed maintenance blow off exercise for town water system.
- 11.Installed the new regulations sign at the start of the trail, associated with the new outdoor fitness area.
- 12.Planted new perennial plantings at Town signs on Atlantic Avenue.
- 13.Routine covering of exposed fabric at playground area of John West Park.
- 14.Placed topsoil and seeded areas around park bathrooms, new sign, other areas where new walkway was placed to eliminate tripping hazards.
- 15.Completed weekly around Town check of ditches and review of street signs for damage or need of replacement.
- 16.Oversaw Apple Electric's installation of our new paddle fan that replaced the original fan which was beyond repair and their repair of exit light inside 32 West and several outside lights.

17.Sprayed trees at John West Park for bagworms and mosquitos.

19.Putting down weed control formula in flower beds at John West Park and 201 central for weed control.

20.Cut grass weekly at DPA shop.

21.Assisted Russ with install of new Wi-Fi system at 32 West.