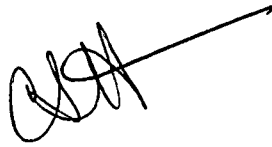


**TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW
DELAWARE**

August 20, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and Council

FROM: Carol S. Houck, Town Manager



SUBJECT: Town Manager Report for the Council Meeting of September 8, 2026

Cops and Goblins – Fundraising effort

As you will recall, and in relationship to not being awarded Grant in Aid funds for this multi-jurisdictional community policing event, led by the Ocean View Police Department, we implemented a fundraising effort. To date the effort has been fairly successful with numerous other verbal commitments made but not yet received. I am happy to share that the 2026 Cops and Goblins event at time of writing has received the following sponsorship support:

Presenting Sponsors:

Rip Tide Restoration	\$5,000
Atlantic Community Thrift (ACT's)	\$5,000

Platinum Sponsors:

IQ Fiber	\$1,000
Wallace Montgomery Engineers	\$1,000
AECOM Engineers	\$1,000

Gold Sponsors:

Tidewater Utilities	\$500
The Magic Moppers LLC	\$500
Connally Gallagher	\$500 (pending final partner approval Sept 8)

Silver Sponsors:

First Shore Federal	\$250
Fulton Bank	\$250

Bronze Sponsor

Representative Ron Gray	\$100
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It is also noted that \$8,341 had already been identified from existing community event funding for FY27 including a balance of funds from the 2025 Golf Tournament held in support of last years event. We're confident the full \$24,000 will be covered and offer our sincere appreciation to the local companies, vendors and community members who rallied to support this popular annual event.

SRO Funding

Chief McLaughlin and I attended the July 27th IRSD board meeting to be on hand for discussions regarding their funding of SRO's by the district. I'm happy to advise that the Board voted to support the town requests for funding SRO for the upcoming school year. Ocean View will therefore be funded at \$80,000. We are also supportive of efforts communicated by board members to begin to provide consistent funding to all SRO and require improved reporting of programs and activities, so the IRSD Board is better prepared to make decisions going forward.

Dine and Donate – Historic Village in Ocean View – Mark your Calendars!

Please join the Historic Village in Ocean View Board members on September 9th from noon to 10pm at the **Ocean View Brewing Company** restaurant, where the village will benefit from 10% of sales from the day! You can eat in or take out all day and help our historic village at the same time. The Village intends to have a presence during the day and will offer information, a raffle and more! **ALSO...our partners at the Ocean View Brewing Company** will be brewing up a new batch of the **Ocean View Historic Village IPA** for the event with limited time availability.

Summer Concerts

The Funsters packed the park on July 23rd and new band (to us) West of One had a nice showing on August 13th. We continue to receive good feedback from attendees, citing the beauty of our park, the convenience of our site and free parking as well as the quality of the bands. Thanks to Scout Troop 281, and Bonkeys as well as the various food trucks that have come out to provide meal options.

By meeting time we will have already welcomed Charlie and the Cool Tones (Aug 27th) and Hot Sauce (Sept 3rd) to the gazebo!

The Funsters



West of One Crowd



Parking Lot – 8 Oakwood Open

We're happy to report that the new larger parking facility on Oakwood is open! This fall will see beautification plantings, lighting and signage added.

Outreach and Engagement:

I participated in various meetings/engagements/events including those with the Historic Village in Ocean View as Board member; Indian River School District – SRO; DFIT – Workers Comp Trustee meetings/ risk analysis discussion; DEMA – winter blizzard and state of emergency reimbursement engagement; Delmarva Power – engagement; Coalition Against Bigger Trucks – support of efforts to fight changes; Cunningham Recreation – John West Park; Vendors – Old Town Holiday event; Telvue – OVTV Govt Access Channel system/equipment updates; Various bands and food vendors – summer concerts; Cops & Goblins fundraising outreach; South Coastal Library – House Tour volunteer, Delaware League – mtg with director; DEMA – Storm reimbursement; Wallace Montgomery – engineers Berzins project; PFM and Bond Council – Borrowing ordinance/process; Millville De re stakeholders meeting Transportation concerns; Sussex County – Gina Jennings – re Assessment data; the Town Solicitor, various residents, and organizations.