

201 CENTRAL EXTERIOR PROJECT

The necessary exterior improvement to our Administrative building were completed in 2020 under a contract with All States Construction. The final outcome is attractive and very satisfactorily addressed concerns related to the original exteriors deterioration. The project was completed on time and under the original budget. The vestibule project is expected to be brought to council in the months ahead and within the original 201 Central project funding.

COVID-19

The Town of Ocean View, its Police Department and Administrative Divisions began our efforts to respond to the COVID restrictions in March of 2020. Like all operations, it was new territory that we had no experience with. Our interest in keeping our employees safe and adhering to the new rules for operations required quick research and decisions related to addressing treatment of personnel, work from home options, keeping initiatives moving forward and continuing to be responsive to our residents. Now, 10 months later the Town faired well during this unprecedented year. Our dedicated staff, supportive and flexible Mayor and Council are commended for this outcome.

32 WEST – TOWN HALL

This year saw us moving forward and managing initiatives approved in 2019 at John West Park and Town Hall. We were able to complete the turf placement in the winter of 2019/2020 and worked to maintain and improve our irrigation.

In addition, a new improved parking facility was added at Town Hall to service both the building and the park. Improved lighting and accessibility were also gained.

This fall we welcomed a new tenant to Town Hall. The newly developed South Coastal Village Volunteers signed a lease agreement with the Town and is now occupying unused office space while it begins efforts to implement its mission of helping area seniors age in place in their homes. The billage will serve Bethany Beach, Millville and Ocean View.

FLOORING REPLACEMENT

2020 saw the Town address its need for new carpeting in the Administrative building improving appearance and providing the opportunity/requirement to purge files. The new carpet squares and planked flooring presents a clean and attractive facility.

LIGHTING PROJECTS

Lighting projects to improve safety along two roadways was completed. First along State owned Muddy Neck Road, which over the years has seen an great increase to bike traffic, often during the early morning hours when restaurant and bar workers are ending shifts. Secondly, the Town maintained road of Ogre Drive and the newest phase of Ocean Way Estates was 11 lights added to address safety concerns related to the narrow straight nature of the road as well as the fact that there are no sidewalks.

EMPLOYEE MANUAL

Early this past year we adopted updates to the Towns Employee manual after a full review and with input from employees.

MEDIACOM

Finalized negotiations with Mediacom for a successor agreement and obtained grant funding for the development of the Town of Ocean View first Government Access Channel – with a Spring 2021 lunch anticipated.

WEBSITE

Began efforts to update the Town website – with a Spring 2021 launch anticipated.

OCEANVIEWDE.GOV WEBSITE ADDRESS

We purchased this domain name. More intuitive and secure – with a Spring 2021 launch anticipated.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY INSTALLED IN JOHN WEST PARK

Thanks to the Bare family, who constructed and painted our Little Free Library we were able to install the unit in the park near our covered porch.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We enjoyed strong community support for our COVID-19 revamped community events especially our Holiday Tree and Trail of Lights.

LIGHTING SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Lighting safety improvement projects were completed along Muddy Neck Road and Ogre Drive.