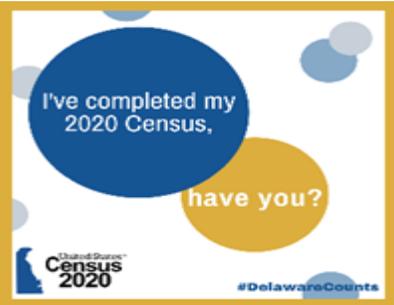
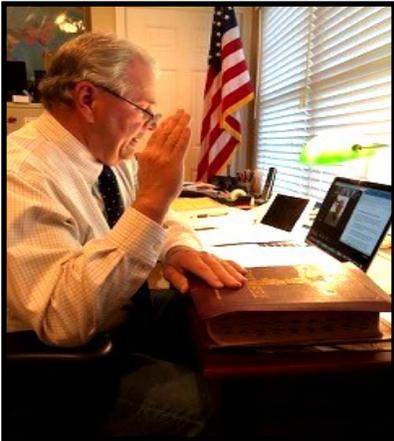


# TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW

## 2020 Town Election

As you may know, the annual election wasn't held this year as there was only one candidate each for the Mayor and District Three Council seat. Help us congratulate Mayor-elect John Reddington (shown below) and incumbent District Three Council Member Tom Maly! Each took their oath of office via a Zoom teleconference during the April Council meeting.



### Now's the time to complete your 2020 Census! Why?

Because the results help forecast transportation needs and funding for communities like ours. It determines our State Congressional representation and the allocation of Federal funds to Delaware. The Census is available online for the first time, or simply mail your questionnaire back! Help Ocean View be counted!

[my2020census.gov](http://my2020census.gov)

## The Mayor's Corner

I welcome the opportunity to be the new Mayor of Ocean View. I want to see Ocean View continue to prosper and remain a safe, beautiful and viable place to live. Working with the Town Council and the Town Manager, I hope we can realize many of our goals and objectives as laid out in the Comprehensive Plan.

Ocean View has been the safest small town in Delaware over the past two years. Ocean View is a beautiful, well maintained town and it continues to draw people here to visit and live. I want to encourage and help preserve our small town atmosphere while ensuring our economic development. This will mean adapting our environment to include new ways of getting around town, ensuring a clean and safe water supply, beautification projects and other projects all with a friendly and open communication with the residents of the town while maintaining a balanced budget.

I encourage residents to attend the monthly Town Council meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. Our website provides the agendas and issues to be discussed at these meetings.

*John Reddington, Mayor*



The Town would like to THANK the Bare family for building and donating our new Little Free Library! The Library will soon make its home at John West Park! Pictured here are Maggie and Avery Bare.

Spring 2020

## TOWN COUNCIL

Mayor  
John  
Reddington

District 1  
Bruce White

District 2  
Frank Twardzik

District 3  
Tom Maly

District 4  
Berton  
Reynolds

Town Council  
meets monthly  
on the 2nd

Tuesday  
@ 7:00 p.m.  
and if needed  
the 4th Tuesday

@ 6:00 p.m.  
in

Town Hall  
32 West Ave.

Subject to change-  
See our website for  
monthly postings.



## Ocean View Property Tax Information:

Your **2020 Ocean View Property Tax Statement** is enclosed with this newsletter. A new feature this year is a 1% discount if you pay your taxes early or by July 31, 2020. The final tax due date is **August 31, 2020** after which a penalty of 1½ % per month will be added to any unpaid taxes. The ambulance fee is not eligible for discount. If you have an escrow account for your tax payment this statement is for informational purposes only as your mortgage company should remit your taxes on your behalf. Please confirm with your mortgage company if you are not sure and notify us of any change of name or mailing address to ensure our ability to contact you.

**You can pay your taxes in the following ways:**

### Online payment –

visit <http://www.oceanviewde.com> and click on the online Property Tax Link in the left hand menu.

### 24-hour Drop Box –

201 Central Avenue Administrative Offices (located at rear entrance )

### In Person –

201 Central Avenue Administrative Offices (located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor)

**By Mail** – Send Checks or Money Orders to Town of Ocean View, 201 Central Ave, Ocean View, DE 19970

## Mosquito Season Has Arrived!

The mosquito control plan for the Town of Ocean View is comprised of two distinct operations including DNREC and the Ocean View Public Works staff that collaborate to provide a comprehensive treatment plan. Treatment is contingent upon acceptable weather at the time of our applications. Larvae treatments have already begun, and weekly mosquito spraying will commence the end of May and continue until the end of September. Spraying will take place on Wednesday and Friday mornings between 2:30 and 6:00am.

## Taking Care of Business... Reminders!

**Voter Registration** – you must register with the Town in order to vote in Town elections. Please contact our Administrative Office or simply download the form from our website and send it in with a copy of your valid DE driver's license.

**John West Park** – Use of our pavilion is available by registering to hold a picnic, family reunions – and birthday celebrations! Certain dates may not be available in association with Town events and activities.

An Ocean View **Business License** is required if you provide services or do work within the Town Limits.

If you own a property in Ocean View that you rent, you are required to apply for a **Rental License**. Rental properties are subject to a 5% Gross Receipts tax.

**Building permits** are required for all construction projects, repairs, additions, etc. and must be acquired prior to the start of the project.

**Property maintenance**, including the area between the property line and the roadway is the responsibility of the property owner. This includes grass and debris maintenance.

**Pets** are required to be on a leash and are not permitted to run at large. Be sure to clean up after your pets!

**Please reach out to your Town Staff with any questions. Our contact information can be found on page 4.**

## Office of Planning & Development

The office of Planning and Development is working on several initiatives to improve our Town infrastructure. We are pleased to announce we kicked off our FY2021 pavement management program on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> in the communities of Woodland Park, Country Village and Country Estates. Crews have been busy applying a micro-surface to roadways that were patched during the past year. These efforts will continue to preserve our roadways and extend their life cycle.

In addition, a project to repair and replace damaged curb along Willow Oak Avenue began on April 27<sup>th</sup>. This effort allows for curb repairs ahead of future paving projects.



Holly Lane in Woodland Park.



**Shout out to the Indian River High School Choir for their participation at our Old Town Holiday Market and Tree Lighting !**



**Summer of 2019 Movie Theme Night Fun!**



**2019—5th Annual Cops and Goblins!**



**John West Park , before & after pictures of the new turf!**

## Town Manager's Message

I hope the receipt of our Town newsletter finds you and your family well! As of this writing we are still operating under the restrictions of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency Declaration. This has included a closing of our Administrative Building at 201 Central from its regular public access as well as switching to electronic and or Zoom meetings to conduct business. With that said, I am happy to share that while not working in the office, much of our Town staff have been able to work remotely to continue to deliver services and accomplish required tasks. I am thankful for the level of engagement and reliability our dedicated employees have shown during this unprecedented interruption to our normal way of living and working.

The public health emergency also required John West Park to be closed and for that we are sorry, but recognize to have been necessary. When restrictions are lifted, you will find that we have used the closed time wisely, having been able to keep our planned improvements moving forward including the installation of new beautiful turf in the playground and open areas, increased floral and plant beautification, a Little Free Library and an improved and better lit parking lot!

Please check out our event information in this newsletter and rest assured that we are working behind the scenes to bring unique **Town of Ocean View** experiences, just as we did in 2019. We cannot thank you enough for your tremendous support and attendance at our revamped line-up of family events last year. Your participation in our events and our Comprehensive Plan outreach activities left your Town staff and the Mayor and Council with a renewed understanding of the value of taking the time to create small town engagement opportunities.

January 2020 marked my 1-year anniversary with the Town of Ocean View. It has been a very rewarding year and I am looking forward to the year ahead (and fiscal year) as different as it may be. We have already begun working on some of the projects and initiatives identified in the Comprehensive Plan including bike and pedestrian safety improvements, an evaluation of our water utility and its operations, oversight of various Town maintenance projects and consideration of possible short or long term impacts related to the pandemic as they may relate to doing business or our budgeted revenues.

Cheers to the Ocean View Police Department under the leadership of Chief McLaughlin and Captain Hall for the department's role in the Town's ranking as the safest place to live in Delaware for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row. We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated community focused police force.

Thank you again for your engagement with your Town!

*Carol Hoack, Town Manager*

**Town of Ocean View, 201 Central Avenue, Ocean View, DE**

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**Lifelong Learning Opportunities-  
Here in Ocean View!**

Through our partnership with the University of Delaware, fun learning opportunities are available locally. The University of Delaware's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) holds classes in the Ocean View Town Hall on Mondays and Wednesdays during the fall and spring semesters. The programs cover topics like civil war history, jewelry making, yoga, caregiver support and more. Fall classes start in September; spring classes start in January.

UD's OLLI program is designed for adults age 50-plus to take classes and socialize together, with no grades or exams. Members just learn for the fun of it. Since OLLI started holding Ocean View classes in 2014, the number of course offerings has nearly doubled. In addition to Ocean View, OLLI classes are also offered in Bridgeville, Dover and Lewes. Join either the OLLI Sussex County program or the OLLI Kent County program, and then register for as many classes as you like in Ocean View, as well as the rest of the Kent and Sussex County programs. There's something for everyone!

The OLLI program is organized as a learning cooperative with a membership fee, not tuition. The fall or spring membership fee of \$175 per semester provides unlimited OLLI course registration at any Kent or Sussex County OLLI location. Partial scholarships are available.

For more information, contact OLLI at [olli-kent-sussex@udel.edu](mailto:olli-kent-sussex@udel.edu), or visit [olli.udel.edu/KentSussex](http://olli.udel.edu/KentSussex).

In Delaware, **CALL 911** if you can.

**TEXT 911 IF YOU CAN'T.**

**Seasons of Family Fun**

**at John West Park!**

**Summer Classic Movie Theme  
Nights Wednesdays @ 7:30pm**

**July 15 - Jail House Rock  
w/ Elvis Impersonator**

**July 22 - Grease w/ Classic Car Show**

**July 29 - Honey I Shrunk the Kids  
w/ Kids activities**

**Fall 2020 Concert Series  
@6pm**

**Sept 11 - Over Time Band  
Sept 18 - Delmarva Big Band  
Sept 25 - The Funsters**

**Cops & Goblins**

**October 31st 1:00 - 4:00pm  
Rain date November 1st**

**Old Town Holiday  
Market & Tree Lighting  
November 28 2:00 - 6:00pm  
Rain date November 29th**

**Visit our website at <http://www.oceanviewde.com>**