

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
FOR THE APRIL 14, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

➤ **Tree City USA**

The Town of Ocean View has been named a 2014 Tree City by the Arbor Day Foundation. The award will be made a part of the Town's Arbor Day celebration which will be held at the Municipal Building on Friday, April 24th at 10:00 am. A River Birch tree provided by the Delaware Forest Service will be planted as part of the celebration.

➤ **Homecoming Event**

Final arrangements are being made for the Homecoming Event scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 9, 2015 from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm, rain or shine.

Entertainment will be provided by the Randy Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboy Band. Activities for the kids include a giant rock wall, shark slide, carnival rides and face painting.

Food vendors include Charlie K's BBQ, Papa John's Pizza, and Ocean View Seafood. We are still looking for a vendor to provide fried chicken. Free ice cream will be provided by Vanderwende's Creamery to the first 200 people. Local crafters and businesses will be on hand for those looking for last minute gifts for Mother's Day. Designated parking lots for the event include Mariner's Bethel United Methodist Church, Ocean View Church of Christ and Ocean View United Presbyterian Church.

The Ocean View Historical Society will open their buildings and live demonstrations will be provided by 18th century crafters.

This year's sponsors include Fulton Bank, WSFS Bank, Lyons Companies, Kercher Engineering, Sussex County Council, and Morris, James, Wilson, Halbrook & Bayard, LLP and we greatly appreciate their support.

➤ **2015 Concerts in the Park Schedule**

Friday, June 12, 2015 – Randy Lee Ashcraft and the Saltwater Cowboy Band

Friday, July 17, 2015 – Junior Wilson

Friday, August 14, 2015 – Over Time Band

All concerts are scheduled from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm weather permitting.

➤ **Ocean View Historic Society**

The Ocean View Historic Society has provided the Town with their Annual Report, a certificate of insurance and 990 Forms for 2011 through 2013. These documents are required to be provided to the Town per the lease agreement.

➤ **Drainage Easements**

Easements for Avon Park are in progress and should be completed by late April. The Town Solicitor has been given easements for the West View and Woodland Park. The West View easements were completed for the most part but needed some minor revisions. The Woodland Park easements need complete paperwork for recordation by the Town Solicitor for all 38 properties. The same work will be required for the Avon Park easements.

➤ **FY2013 Micro-surfacing Project**

Alan Kercher completed his field review of the 2013 micro-surfacing and expects to submit his report to the Town shortly. Once the report has been reviewed a meeting will be scheduled with Asphalt Paving Systems.

➤ **Municipal Street Aid Funding**

The Legislature is currently on Spring break and will return to session on April 21. It is important that we continue to stay in contact with our legislators on the need to restore the \$2 million proposed Governor's budget cut in the Municipal Street Aid Fund. A letter has been sent on behalf of the Town.

➤ **Amnesty Program – Non-Connected Water Accounts**

The Amnesty Program ended in March. Eight owners were given an opportunity to participate with the following results:

- Fegan, Hedges, and Herrmann connected to the water system and paid their account balance;
- Crowson paid his account balance but still needs to connect to the water system (Lien remains in place);
- McGrath's property was sold and scheduled for settlement on April 10th and we are waiting for payment from the Estate. The new owner will have to make arrangements with the Town for connection;
- Salimi connected to the water system and has signed a promissory note (Lien and judgment remain in place);
- Lattanzio and Vickers did not take advantage of the program (Liens and judgments will remain in place for the full amount due to the Town. A detailed schedule is attached for review.

Other - Attended Police Officer for a Day Seminar on March 23rd.

