

TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT
FOR THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2015 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

➤ **Computer Upgrades**

Computer upgrades for the general administrative staff were completed in August.

➤ **New Web Site for Ocean View**

The long awaited launch of the Town's new web site by web designer EvoGov finally occurred in August. The site can now be viewed on IPAD's, smart phones and other new devices. A special thanks to all the Department Heads for providing content for their departments, Donna Schwartz for placement of the content on the site and creating new electronic forms, Lee Brubaker for editing the site's content, and Jill Schwartz for providing the beautiful photographs for the site. We hope you will visit the site soon, give us your feedback and sign-up for some of the new features.

➤ **Roof Repairs – Municipal Building**

In August, a roofing contractor repaired several areas of the roof that were leaking. We will observe the repaired areas during the next heavy rain to see if the leaks have been fixed or more work needs to be scheduled.

➤ **Sealed Bids for the Replacement of Deck Boards and Railings at Town Hall**

Sealed bids were requested for the replacement of the deck boards and railings at Town Hall. Two bids were received. This item is on the agenda this evening for discussion and a contract award.

➤ **Ads for New Positions**

Ads for an Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer and a Public Works Supervisor were placed in the Coastal Point. The Town Administrative Official has been conducting the first round of interviews. We hope to have the positions filled no later than October 1, 2015.

➤ **Delea Founders Insurance Trust (DFIT) – Workers Compensation Plan**

On June 18, 2015, the DFIT Trustees and Members voted to distribute \$377,000 of the total return premium of \$877,000 for this policy year of the Group Retro Plan. The remaining balance of \$500,000 will remain with AmeriHealth Casualty until all final claims from the plan are paid and closed. Any balance of funds after all the group claims are paid will also be returned to the members who participated this policy year on a pro-rata basis.

On August 3, 2015 the Town received a check in the amount of \$11,809.30 from the DFIT Group Retrospectively Rated Workers Compensation Plan for the policy period 07/1/13-07/01/14. This check represents the Town's pro rata portion (based on the percentage of the Town's premium contribution to the total group premium) of return premiums earned during this period for the groups excellent claims performance. The actual workers compensation premiums paid by the Town for this period was \$63,500.00.

Now that the DFIT is fully self-insured, they anticipate greater success and financial benefits to the members for many years to come.

➤ **Concerts in the Park**

The 2015 Concerts in the Park series wrapped up with the Over Time Band performing on August 14th. A special thanks to all the staff and volunteers who assisted at the concert. The weather was great and there was a huge turnout. If you were unable to attend, photos of the event can be viewed on the Town's Facebook Account.

➤ **No Parking Plan – Village at Bear Trap Dunes**

In August 2014, a "No Parking" Plan was prepared by the Village at Bear Trap Dunes HOA Board of Directors. The plan included a detailed listing by street and a color coded street map indicating the areas that would be designated no parking zones using both signage and yellow curb paint. The plan and map were posted to the HOA's website, sent out by email, posted in the pavilion and public hearings were held to allow owners of the community to voice their concerns regarding the proposed plan. The closing date for owner comments was April 1, 2015.

The Town Administrative Official and I met with John Reddington and Kent Liddle, both members of the HOA board, on several occasions to review the plan and we agreed the Town would have the signage in place and curbs painted by Memorial Day.

Over the summer, I received several complaints regarding the plan as follows:

2-4-6 October Glory - Two owners complained about the yellow curb paint in front of their homes and across their driveways designating these areas as no parking zones. This eliminated parking which has been available to them and their guests since the purchase of their property. They also feel the yellow paint is unsightly.

110 Willow Oak - One owner complained about the sign placement.

142 Willow Oak – One owner across the street asked if the sign in front of 142 Willow Oak could be moved to replace the sign in front of 140 which has no parking arrows in both directions.

205-213 Willow Oak - One owner complained about the sign placement.

Article II §210-10.1 of the Ocean View Code gives the Town Manager the authority to designate no parking zones in areas that have been determined appropriate for parking restrictions.

The streets in the Village of Bear Trap Dunes have been deeded to the Town and therefore the final decision rests in my hands. I have listened to the safety concerns raised by the HOA board members, Town employees and visited each physical location where concerns have been raised by owners and I have made the following decisions:

2-4-6 October Glory - The yellow paint will be removed in front of 2-4-6 and replaced with signage which will continue to designate this side of the street as a no parking zone.

110 Willow Oak - The sign placement will not be changed.

142 Willow Oak - The sign placement will not be changed.

205-213 Willow Oak - The sign placement will not be changed.

➤ **Other**

Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Assawoman Canal Trail on August 12th.