

TOWN OF OCEAN VIEW

DELAWARE

OFFICES REMAIN CLOSED TO PUBLIC

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May 1, 2020**

Based on recent recommendations from the State of Delaware and Delaware public health experts, the Town of Ocean View is implementing the following measures to slow the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19):

Until further notice, The Town of Ocean View buildings and offices will be closed to the general public. This includes Town Hall (32 West Ave.) and Town Administrative Offices (201 Central Ave.). The Town Manager, in consultation with the Mayor and Council, will evaluate continued office closures as needed, and will determine when the buildings will reopen to the public. Staff that are not considered essential personnel and/or who can work from home have been afforded the opportunity to do so. The Town of Ocean View is maintaining its work from home status for most staff. Exceptions are being made for work that must be completed within our facilities and care is taken to ensure employees are separated by both location and or time in building. Our Town Manager is in the building most days handling matters that need addressing as well as pushing mail and documents out to staff working from home. Efforts made in the past year to update our computers and connectivity have proven to be successful in that our staff were easily able to modify efforts to be productive while working remotely.

The Administrative Building is being cleaned twice weekly with various methods that have been recommended. Both the Mayor and Town Manager participate in various calls as offered by the State and the Governors Office to ensure awareness and engagement by our Town.

Town staff will continue to respond to electronic outreach and all calls will be handled by staff responding to taped messages that transfer to their email. All attempts will be made to respond within 24 hours for non-emergency outreach. The Town staff continue to be responsive to calls and emails daily. We are attempting to not fall behind but to use this time to also address work that sometimes is hard to get to under our regular workload.

Contact non-emergency police dispatch at 302-539-1111 and in the event of an emergency, call 9-1-1. The Ocean View Police Department will remain on duty and respond to calls for service. Non-emergency visits to the Police Department are discouraged (201 Central Ave.). The Ocean View Police Department continues to remain on duty and engaged within our community. Volunteers are not reporting currently. All precautions are being taken to ensure the wellbeing of our officers. Masks, cleaning sprays, wipes and the like have been purchased and made available to all Police Department personnel. The Chief of Police participates in various statewide calls as offered

regarding the pandemic to ensure full awareness and appropriate actions in relationship to the State of Emergency.

Ocean View residents are asked to make required payments by US mail, or the drop box located at the Town's Administrative Office (201 Central Ave.). Bids for Contracts should be mailed versus dropped off at the Administrative building. We continue to address our incoming mail, invoicing and billing.

Essential in-person meetings with Town staff may be arranged by appointment although all attempts are being made to hold meetings via conference calls. Future meetings of the Mayor and Council or Committees will be addressed on a case by case basis with only urgent meetings held to facilitate the continuation of operations. They may however be closed meetings or only by electronic means as our technology allows. Town Council was able to hold its April 14, 2020 Council Meeting by using the ZOOM meeting platform. The Town Council Meeting of May 12, 2020 will also be held over the ZOOM meeting platform. Posting of login information for the meeting will be posting in the Coastal Point as well as on our website.

Please refer to our website for updated information regarding closures and or Town information. We also call your attention to our FACEBOOK page found at Town of Ocean View DE where we are sharing Town information and information provided by the State of Delaware related to the State of Emergency and pandemic.

If you have any questions, please contact Town Offices at 302-539-9797 and leave a taped message for staff to return.

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ALSO, OF NOTE:

The Town has canceled its Spring Concert Series and has reschedule them to occur in the fall. Please see our website for dates and times!