

# The City of Lewes



## City Manager's Report March 2018

### Construction Progress

There are a number of significant construction projects underway in Lewes. City staff have participated in progress meetings on these projects.

- Mariners Retreat/Highland Acres Tax Ditch Improvements – Site work on both projects got underway during March. Substantial progress was made on the tax ditch improvements
- Beach 1 Restroom Renovations – The renovations to Beach 1 Restroom are nearly complete. A final inspection was performed on March 16<sup>th</sup>, and a punch list was developed. The restrooms should be open in mid-April.
- Gills Neck Road/Front Street/Savannah Road Infrastructure & BPW/Sussex Flow Diversion Projects – The Sussex County Flow Diversion project is just about complete, with only final paving left to complete. A walk-through is scheduled for mid-April. The work on Front Street has also been progressing and should be complete by the end of April. Work will resume in late 2018 or early 2019 to complete the final paving of the roads.
- Beach 2 Parking Lot – The pre-construction meeting for the Beach 2 Parking Lot rehabilitation was held on March 7<sup>th</sup>. A-Del has begun work on the Beach 2 parking lot. This work will be completed prior to Memorial Day.

### Five Points Working Group

DelDOT held a public workshop on March 26, 2018 to share the needs identified by the Five Points Working Group with the public and receive feedback. The next Five Points Working Group meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 3, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at Beacon Middle School.

### National Hurricane Conference

Corporal Chatham Marsch, Darrin Gordon, and I attended the National Hurricane Conference in Orlando, Florida during the last week of March. We learned a lot that we can bring back to Lewes to help with our readiness for hurricanes.

### Canary Creek Letter of Map Amendment

The City received approval on the Letters of Map Amendment for the Canary Creek flood plain. All homes are now located outside of the flood plain.

### Budget Preparation

Mayor and City Council continued to review the budget through March, ultimately adopting the budget on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Other Meetings and Activities

Councilpersons Beaufait, Reardon and I met with Jennifer Walls and Janelle Cornwell to discuss how Sussex County addressed manufactured home parks in their Zoning Ordinance to get some direction on how we might be able to address Donovan Smith MHP in our zoning.

On March 14<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Becker and I visited Capitol Hill with other municipal officials in Delaware and met with our congressional delegation.

Mayor Becker and I participated in a meeting with Sussex County Tourism and their consultants regarding a project to develop a wayfinding program for Route 1 between Lewes and Rehoboth Beach.

I participated as an instructor in the University of Delaware Institute for Public Administration Land Use Development and Advanced Land Use Development training for local government officials.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ann Marie Townshend".

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City Manager