

Briefly »

Lewes BPW to receive water system study

The Lewes Board of Public Works will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, in City Hall. The agenda includes a discussion about a study of the city's water system as prepared by the George, Miles & Buhr engineering firm. The panel will also set a public workshop on the 2011-12 budget for 2 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 16, in City Hall.

The board is planning to consider a resolution establishing an investment policy for board funds, consider entering into a design/build contract with Lifetime Living LLC for the Canary Creek electric distribution system, discuss the steps involved in a utility infrastructure asset-management program and provide authorization to apply for a wastewater-planning matching grant from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control.

For a complete agenda visit City Hall, Lewes Public Library or go to ci.lewes.de.us.

Milton to discuss adding water towers

Cabe Associates Inc., consulting engineers based in Dover, attended a Milton Town Council meeting Jan. 3, and a Milton water committee meeting Tuesday, Jan. 18, to discuss suggestions for improving the town's water system. State loans would provide funding for the project.

Recommendations from Cabe Associates include building a new 500,000-gallon water tower and a new water treatment building, upgrading security, and putting in a supervisory control and data acquisition system, which is a computer-based operating program that would monitor all

wells from a central location.

Cabe Associates made the recommendations to the town in 2008, but plans were put off because of the economic downturn and slowed growth in Milton.

The state revolving fund, which receives funding from the federal government, would loan upwards of \$2.6 million for the original proposed project if the town completes the application. A preapplication filed on behalf of the town determined Milton's eligibility for the loans. A full application due date is yet to be announced, but it is expected to be set for late February or early March.

Cabe Associates will meet with Milton Town Council at the regular monthly meeting Monday, Feb. 7, when the firm will suggest Milton borrow more money for additional improvements to the water system. Requesting a higher loan for the project could result in becoming eligible for a principal forgiveness of 50 percent.

Milton committee to meet with state office

The Milton Economic Development Committee will meet with officials from Delaware Economic Development Office at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 26, at Milton Public Library. The committee will discuss how the development office can assist the town. For a full agenda, visit ci.milton.de.us.

Milton committee to review town budget

The Milton Finance Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, at Milton Public Library. The committee will review the work of the town's consulting firm and discuss the town budget. For a full agenda, visit ci.milton.de.us.

Policy committee in Dewey to discuss goals

The Dewey Beach Policy Committee will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, Jan. 22, at the Lifesaving Station on Dagsworthy Avenue. The committee will review its goal for the first policy review and confirm group members' assignments. To view the full agenda, visit townofdewey-beach.com.

Dewey changes Ruddertowne meetings

The Town of Dewey Beach and Dewey Beach Enterprises will hold one more workshop to discuss plans for development of the Ruddertowne site. The third public workshop has been cancelled and replaced with a public hearing. The workshop be at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, at the Dewey Beach Lions Club on McKinley Avenue.

Two public hearings will be held to discuss the proposed mutual agreement between Dewey

Beach Enterprises and the Town of Dewey Beach. Hearings will be at 10 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 5, and at a time to be determined, Saturday, Feb. 26, at the Baycenter in Ruddertowne.

A special council meeting will follow the second public hearing. That meeting will be for council to vote on accepting or rejecting the proposed agreement for Dewey Beach Enterprises to drop five pending lawsuits and build a 45-foot, mixed-use structure at Ruddertowne. For more information, visit townofdewey-beach.com.

Sussex officials OK Oak Orchard changes

Sussex County Council approved a change order and contract amendment Tuesday, Jan. 18, to provide funds to complete a sewer-extension project along River Road in Oak Orchard. Because of the discovery of 27 graves in the roadway, additional work had to be done. Council approved a change order of \$115,906 to allow Daisy Construction Co. to perform jack-and-bore work to place the pipe under the grave sites. The amendment for just under \$20,000 is for additional work performed by Cabe Associates, which included hiring an archeologist. Work should be completed in mid-February.

Sussex ad hoc housing committee to meet

Sussex County's ad hoc manufactured housing committee will meet at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, in the county administration building on The Circle in downtown Georgetown. Some committee members had requested an additional meeting to discuss issues not addressed by recent changes in the county code relating to manufactured homes.

CVS pharmacy public hearings set Jan. 26

Sussex County planning and zoning commission will meet at 6 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, in the county administration building on The Circle in downtown Georgetown. Included on the agenda are two public hearings on applications for a zoning change and conditional use by Olde Towne Point LLC to construct a CVS pharmacy near the entrance to the Villages of Five Points off Savannah Road. The full agenda is available at sussex-countyde.gov.

Workshop to address mitigation in Lewes

The City of Lewes, in partnership with Delaware Sea Grant and ICLEI - Local Governments for Sustainability, will hold a public workshop from 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the University of Delaware Virden Center in Lewes.

The workshop will provide an

FRIENDS CONTRIBUTE TO LEWES FOR NET HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS



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THE RETIRING BOARD MEMBERS of the Friends of the Canalfront Park in Lewes recently presented a check for \$44,000, from funds raised by the group, to Lewes Mayor Jim Ford to assist with planned improvements to the building known as the Net House. Formerly a net-repairing building for the Fish Products menhaden operation where Cape Shores is now located, the Net House serves as a community center and office for the Canalfront Park. Improvements, including new siding, windows and other work, are expected to make the building an energy-efficient community center. The funds raised by the Friends of the Canalfront Park through a variety of events and appeals will join energy grant funds received by the city to finish the improvements by this summer. Shown in front of the Net House for the presentation are (l-r) Tracy Mulveny, chairwoman; Barbara Warnell, board member; Jon Woodyard, representing the Lewes Parks and Recreation Commission; Ford; and Carolyn Quinn, board member.

opportunity for stakeholders in the Lewes community to further discuss, prioritize and then select potential mitigation and adaptation actions that the City of Lewes could consider for implementation.

Participants will also learn more about the implementation process for selected actions, and other best practices in the fields of hazard mitigation and climate-change adaptation.

Lewes residents wishing to attend should contact Michelle Scorziello at 645-4346 or send email to mksorzi@udel.edu before Friday, Jan. 21.

Rehoboth board meeting cancelled

The Rehoboth Beach Board of Adjustment cancelled its Monday, Jan. 24 meeting due to a lack of agenda items. The board's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 21.

Recycling council to meet in Lewes

The Recycling Public Advisory Council will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 26, at the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control facility at 901 Piltown Road, Lewes.

The agenda includes time for public comments, information about recycling drop-off sites, bylaws, creating a grant and loan subcommittee, recycling reporting requirements and a market update.

DNREC answers recycling questions

The Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control recently held two public information workshops to provide guidance on the universal recycling grant and low-interest loan application process. Questions relating to those workshops are now posted at awm.delaware.gov/Pages/RecyclingGrants.aspx. Applications for grants and loans will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Monday, Jan. 24.

The grant and loan program aims to reduce the amount of municipal solid waste generated and disposed of in Delaware and contribute toward achieving the state's goal of recycling 75 percent of solid waste generated. During this initial application cycle, priority will be given to start-up costs for single-family, single-stream recyclables collection, and bar and restaurant recycling initiatives that must be in place no later than Thursday, Sept. 15.

Eligible applicants are those engaged in the business of collecting, transporting, processing or marketing recyclables. Applicants are encouraged to establish cooperative partnerships with other entities engaged in recycling activities, including private industry.

Technical and administrative assistance is available by contacting Bill Miller at bill.miller@state.de.us, or Jim Short at james.short@state.de.us, or by calling 302-739-9403.

Corrections »

ELVA WISE OBITUARY -

The obituary for Elva Wise that appears on page 26 of this edition has the incorrect time for the viewing and service. The viewing will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., with the service at 1 p.m. Both will be at St. John's 2nd Baptist Church in Millsboro.

DOG BITE -

A brief on page 5 of the Tuesday, Jan. 18 issue incorrectly stated the gender of the person who was with the unleashed dog that bit a man on Lewes Beach Christmas Day. The person with the black and tan German shepherd was a woman. Police are still seeking information to help identify her. Call 645-6264 with information.