



Ellendale Quarterly

KEEPING RESIDENTS INFORMED

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR TOWN COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 2026

A FEW NOTES FROM COUNCIL

Electronic Initiative for Newsletter and Billing Payments

The Town is currently preparing to implement new software designed to enhance service delivery by improving communication with residents and expanding access to convenient online services, including account management, account review, electronic payment options, and an email newsletter delivery option. To receive/send information updates regularly, please contact us at townclerk@ellendale.delaware.gov OR kayla.adkins@ellendale.delaware.gov, or by calling Town Hall @ (302) 422-6727 to provide us with your email address and cell phone number. We look forward to hearing from All!

Is Your Home in Need of Repairs?

Ellendale currently has a federally funded grant in place through Sussex County. Low income and fixed income (Social Security, etc.) resident homeowners who meet this requirement criteria can apply and have necessary home repairs completed such as doors, electrical, flooring, roofing, plumbing and heating, siding, windows, accessible ramp, etc. This is federal grant money and if we don't utilize this opportunity soon, these funds could be withdrawn from Ellendale and given to another town. We need homeowners who believe that they may qualify to apply for participation in this program, otherwise, we will NOT be qualified for the grant funds this year!

Please contact ASAP:

Councilman/President

sam.noto@ellendale.delaware.gov

or

Councilman/Treasurer

bob.billbrough@ellendale.delaware.gov

Town Infrastructure Improvements

Town Management Officials met with DelDot Officials after receiving notification of our approved application to the TAP Program. This was the first step in planned improvements for pedestrian and traffic improvement upgrades along the Route 16 corridor through town.

For the **TOWN OF ELLENDALE COUNCIL ELECTION** 2027 calendar year there will be (2) council seats open for (2) year terms each.

Per the Town of Ellendale Charter found at: <https://charters.delaware.gov/ellendale.pdf>

At least 10 (business) days before the day of election, which shall be held the first Saturday of the month of January (January 2, 2027 at Town Hall) 1:00 pm to 7:00 pm, nominations shall be filed with a representative of the Town Council. Said nominations shall be in writing, signed by the nominee. Each candidate shall file a notarized Candidate Filing Form which is available at Town Hall and on the website under Info> Forms.

At such annual election, every person who shall have attained the age of 18 years on or before the date of the annual municipal election and who shall be a bona fide resident, of the Town of Ellendale, for a period of 6 months and who shall be a resident of the State of Delaware, shall have 1 vote. All voters must show proof of residency to proceed with the voting process and vote in person.

Please consider getting involved and attending monthly council meetings and serving for the good of Ellendale. Reach out to any Council member if you have questions or contact townclerk@ellendale.delaware.gov. This is your town and the **FUTURE** of Ellendale needs **U**!

TOWN COUNCIL MONTHLY MEETINGS

All residents are invited to participate and have their voices heard at the monthly Town Council meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at the Ellendale Volunteer Fire Department located at 302 Main Street at 7PM. We want to hear from you because EVERY voice matters and we are interested in hearing from YOU!

MEETING DATES

TOWN COUNCIL

1st Wednesday of the month 7:00 PM at the Fire House (302 Main Street). Unless noted otherwise.

September 2nd-at TOWN HALL DUE TO PRIMARY ELECTION VOTING AT FIRE HOUSE

October 7th

November 4th

December 2nd

PLANNING AND ZONING

3rd Wednesday of the month 7:00 PM at Town Hall (300 McCaulley Avenue)

September 16th

October 21st

November 18th

December 16th



Ellendale Police Department

Bruce E. Von Goerres
Chief of Police

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UPCOMING TOWN EVENTS:

Candy Rain November 1st 2:00 at the Town Park

Paige's Kindness Project Toy Donation Collection
November 2nd to November 30th.

Tree Lighting/Holiday Event - Date and Time TBD

Save the DATE!

CANDY RAIN will be held on Sunday, November 1, 2026 2:00 PM at the Town Park. Be sure to sign your children in as you arrive to participate in the Costume Judging Contest, sponsored by the Community Outreach Committee. Following the costume judging contest will be **CANDY RAIN**, sponsored by Norman "Jay" Jones, Sussex County Clerk of the Peace. Contact Terrie Ottomano if you are interested in volunteering as a Costume Judge. Town.terrie.ottomano@outlook.com

The **Town of Ellendale** will be collecting new toys for **Paige's Kindness Project** starting

November 2nd through November 30th to benefit the Milford School District. Please consider purchasing a toy or (2) and dropping them off to the box located in Town Hall to assist with providing a gift to children who may otherwise not receive one at Christmas. Contact Townclerk@ellendale.delaware.gov for additional information.



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ELLENDALE FAMILY FUN DAY 2026

August 15th was a warm, sunny day, and approximately 220 folks visited throughout the day. The Town Council handed out 115 Backpacks with school supplies, and the Town Events held a free raffle of 70+ giveaway items, donated by *Paige's Kindness Project*, *Ellendale Police Dept.* and *Town Events*.

There were 15 vendors that were comprised of informational tables, local businesses and food vendors available. Local businesses included *CPR Delmarva* holding CPR demonstrations and sharing availability of training scheduled and *Kirlin's Mower & Golf Car Shop* had a booth with information. The *Ellendale Volunteer Fire Department* brought an engine and an ambulance for exploring. The *Delaware State Police* brought the *Crimestoppers* trailer and had games for families to play together, and the helicopter made an appearance at noon. *Beebe Community Outreach Team* was available for health screenings and *DE Fire School* had a booth with information.

The food vendors were comprised of *Ellendale Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary* with a Bake Sale, Gladys Gardner Breakfast Sandwiches and Hotdogs, Traci's Sno-cone Treats, Sip Up Pop Up Soda Shop, and Lauretta Fluitt Southern Cooking platters.

Inside Town Park was the Kidz Zone with 10 FREE activities that included Del DOT Bike & Ped Safety Station with many giveaways and a headcount of 190 visitors at their booth.



DE Readiness free book giveaway handed out 75 new books. And there was the Decorate a Treat Station, Be Kind Station, and more.

DJ Paige Howell of *Paige's Kindness Project* played awesome tunes throughout the day and also had a booth with giveaways. The children and families loved the Kidz Zone area and having the opportunity to visit stations and play on the playground.

The event would not have been

possible without the support and generosity from these sponsors:

Appenine Development, Community Bank, Common Sense Solutions LLC, CPR Delmarva, Ellendale Police Department, Ellendale United Methodist Church, Ellendale Volunteer Fire Department, Redner's Markets, and Paige's Kindness Project.

Town Events greatly thanks the following folks that volunteered the evening of the Backpack Assembly and the day of the event: Annie English, Bruce Von Goerres, Bryson Annis, Diane

Noto, Jamie Webb, Jasper Annis, Jeff Lockard, Joe Ottomano, Juliana Ottomano, Karen Emory Brittingham, Phil English, Sharon Annis, Tony Ottomano, and Zander Annis. Thank you to Town Councilmen Sam Noto, Aaron Moore and Tony Ottomano for taking shifts at the Backpack giveaway table. Thank you to Council Secretary Lindsay Adams for reaching out to DE Fire Marshal to participate. Also, a thank you to Police Chief Bruce Von Goerres and Officer Jim Woznicki for patrolling during the event and assisting with the clean up.

Lastly, Thank You to all the folks and families that attended our annual Family Fun Day. It was a great day of fun, fellowship, and families celebrating our town!



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Citizen Recognition – Robert “Dale” Annis

The Town of Ellendale proudly recognizes and honors Robert “Dale” Annis for his visionary leadership and unwavering commitment to the enrichment of our community with his outstanding dedication to the Armed Forces, veterans and the Ellendale War Memorial.

His willingness to serve his community, his country, and his family is truly beyond measure. Dale consistently demonstrates selfless dedication, integrity, and leadership, making him an outstanding example of what it means to be a committed citizen.

One of Dale's most meaningful contributions is his commitment to honoring the men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our nation. For many years, he has led the Ellendale Memorial Day Service, ensuring that the stories, sacrifices and history of our veterans are remembered and shared with future



Dale Annis

generations. Through his leadership, he has helped instill appreciation, patriotism, and respect within our community.

Dale's leadership extends far beyond this annual event. He leads by example every day, setting a high standard that begins with his family and reaches throughout the community. Whenever there is a need, Dale is among the first to step forward with a willingness to serve, a positive attitude and an unwavering commitment to helping others.

For his exceptional dedication, outstanding leadership, and lasting contributions to both our community and our country, Dale is truly deserving of being recognized in our community of Ellendale.

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If you are interested in nominating someone to be recognized within the Ellendale community contact Tony Ottomano at tottomano@ellendale.delaware.gov. The **Citizen Recognition** form is available at Town Hall and on the website under 'forms'.

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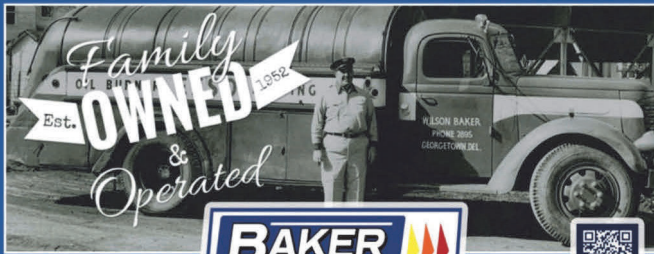
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