

# Kent County LEVY COURT



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**Spring 2022**

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# About the LEVY COURT

Levy Court is your County government. Kent County Levy Court is comprised of seven elected Commissioners: six are elected from the districts in which they reside, and the seventh elected at-large to represent the entire county. The Commissioners serve at the will of the electorate and answer solely to their constituents. Since the Commissioners are elected officials, it is customary to refer to them with the designation of Honorable.

Levy Court responsibilities include: enacting planning and land use ordinances; providing parks and recreation facilities; establishing fees; providing emergency medical

services; 911 communications; emergency management; approving sewer system construction; establishing the yearly tax rate and overseeing the county departments that support the mission of Levy Court. The Commissioners appoint a County Administrator who is responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of county government.

Levy Court offices are located at 555 Bay Rd.. Residents may call 744-2300 to reach a County Office.

For more information on Levy Court, please visit our website at [www.co.kent.de.us](http://www.co.kent.de.us).



**HON. TERRY L. PEPPER**  
President At-Large  
302-697-9194



**HON. ALLAN F. ANGEL**  
Vice-President  
Commissioner 3rd District  
Committee: Administration  
302-382-6735



**HON. JOANNE MASTEN**  
Commissioner 1st District  
Committee: Finance  
302-653-6235



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Commissioner 4th District  
Committee:  
Planning Services  
302-943-2832



**HON. JODY SWEENEY**  
Commissioner 5th District  
Committee:  
Community Services  
302-943-7328



**HON. GLEN M. HOWELL**  
Commissioner 6th District  
Committee:  
Public Works  
302-531-8832



**HON. JEFFREY W. HALL**  
Commissioner 2nd District  
Committee:  
Public Safety  
302-632-0757



**MICHAEL J. PETIT DE MANGE, AICP**  
County Administrator  
302-744-2305

# About the ROW OFFICES

Kent County has four Row Officers: each of which is an elected official. Row Officers serve four year terms and each is empowered to manage their office. Each row office performs a distinct function within the County Government.

Row Officers are held accountable to the electorate and it is customary to refer to them with the designation of Honorable. These offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

## REGISTER OF WILLS:

**Hon. Harold K. Brode**  
[Harold.Brode@co.kent.de.us](mailto:Harold.Brode@co.kent.de.us)  
(302) 744-2330

**Chief Deputy -  
Dianne M. Rager**

[Dianne.Rager@co.kent.de.us](mailto:Dianne.Rager@co.kent.de.us)  
(302) 744-2328

## RECORDER OF DEEDS:

**Hon. Betty Lou McKenna**  
[Bettylou.McKenna@co.kent.de.us](mailto:Bettylou.McKenna@co.kent.de.us)  
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**Deputy - Vanessa L. Laughman**  
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## CLERK OF THE PEACE:

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(302) 744-2346

**Deputy - Patricia A. Brown**  
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## SHERIFF:

**Hon. Brian E. Lewis**  
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**Chief Deputy - Chris White**  
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(302) 736-2161

# Kent County PHONE DIRECTORY

## Kent County Administrative Complex 555 Bay Rd., Dover, DE 19901

Levy Court	744-2305
Assessment Office	744-2401
Building Permits & Inspections	744-2451
Code Enforcement	744-2452
Community Development	744-2480
Economic Development	678-3028
Engineering	744-2430
Facilities Management	744-2357
Finance	744-2386
Tax Section	744-2341
GIS/Mapping	744-2416
Information Technology	744-2365
Parks & Recreation	744-2495
Personnel	744-2310
Planning	744-2471

## Kent County Emergency Services Building 911 Public Safety Blvd., Dover, DE 19901

Emergency Communications	735-2200
Emergency Management	735-3465
Emergency Medical Services	735-2180

## Kent County Library 497 South Red Haven Lane, Dover, DE 19901

Library Services	744-1919
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## Kent County Parks and Recreation 1683 New Burton Rd., Dover, DE 19904

Main Number	744-2495
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## Kent County Wastewater Treatment Plant 139 Milford Neck Rd., MilfoRd., DE 19963

Wastewater Facilities	335-6000
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## Elaine Monforte Selected as 2021 KENT COUNTY EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

Kent County Levy Court is pleased to announce the 2021 Employee of the Year, Elaine Monforte. At the Levy Court's last business meeting of 2021, President Terry L. Pepper made the announcement before an enthusiastic crowd. Ms. Monforte works in the Facilities Management Office in the Administration Department as a Maintenance Worker II.

The Employee of the Year receives a \$500 stipend and a Kent County lapel pin or similar appreciation gift. The employee's name is also placed on a plaque displayed in the Kent County Administrative Complex along with their photograph being on display for the following year.

Ms. Monforte's career began in May 2017 as a Custodian. She was promoted to Maintenance Worker I in 2019 and promoted to her current position in August 2021. Her duties include maintaining the grounds and landscaping of the various County properties, completing carpentry and plumbing tasks, troubleshooting and performing minor repairs to mechanical and HVAC equipment, as well as conference room set up and take downs. Regardless of her task, Ms. Monforte is always eager to help and willing to tackle difficult jobs. Her immediate supervisor praises her work ethic and determination to complete tasks in a timely manner. County Administrator Michael J. Petit de Mange said, "Elaine has been consistently outstanding every day since the start. Elaine is always very industrious, thoughtful, innovative, and ready to do whatever

needs to be done, and she's a joy to be around. In my book she is a model County Employee."

Please join us in congratulating Elaine Monforte for this outstanding honor!



**Pictured:** April - VANESSA LAUGHMAN of the Recorder of Deeds Office, September - PATRICIA ORONA of the Recorder of Deeds Office, December - NANCY THOMPSON of the Planning Services Department, Michael Petit de Mange, Glen Howell, Jeffrey Hall, Jody Sweeney, Terry Pepper, Elaine Monforte, Allan Angel, Joanne Masten, Eric Buckson, February - BRANDON OLENIK of the Public Safety Department, May - JASON COURTNEY of the Community Services Department



# Property Tax Credit Applications ARE DUE APRIL 30, 2022

## 1. There is a “New” School Property Tax Credit For Disabled Veterans

Beginning in 2022, qualified persons may be eligible for a tax credit against 100% of non-vocational school district property tax. This credit may only be used against property taxes assessed on a primary residence. Applications for the upcoming tax year are due April 30, 2022.

### Qualified Persons must:

- Receive 100% disability compensation due to service-connected, permanent and total disability based on individual unemployability or a 100% disability rating from the U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs (USVDA) and
- Have held legal domicile in Delaware for the past 3 years.

To apply log onto: [https://financefiles.delaware.gov/docs/DVP-TAX\\_2021-01\\_2PaperInteractive.pdf](https://financefiles.delaware.gov/docs/DVP-TAX_2021-01_2PaperInteractive.pdf)

## 2) Senior School Property Tax Credit

Homeowners age 65 or over are eligible for a tax credit against regular school property taxes of 50 percent (up to \$400). This credit may only be used against property taxes on their primary residence.

### Residency Requirement:

- Individuals who establish legal domicile in Delaware on or after January 1, 2018 will be required to have been legally domiciled within the State for a period of at least 10 consecutive years in order to be eligible to receive a credit.
- Individuals who establish legal domicile in Delaware AFTER December 31, 2012, but PRIOR TO January 1, 2018 will continue to be required to have been legally domiciled within the State for a period of at least 3 consecutive years in order to be eligible to receive a credit.

To learn more log onto: <https://finance.delaware.gov/senior-relief/>

To Apply: For an application, visit [https://financefiles.delaware.gov/docs/ssptc\\_app.pdf](https://financefiles.delaware.gov/docs/ssptc_app.pdf)

For FAQ's log on to: <https://finance.delaware.gov/financial-reports/senior-school-property-tax-relief/commonly-asked-questions/>

## 3) Elderly/Disability Property Tax Exemption

Beginning January 1, Kent County residents 65 years or older or those who will be 65 by May 31, 2022; and/or

persons who are 100% disabled can apply for the Annual Elderly/Disability Tax Exemption. To qualify, income and residency requirements must also be met. *Please note: Disabled applicants must be able to document total disability.*

### Requirements for Elderly and Disability Exemption:

- The income limit for single applicants is \$18,000, and for married applicants \$24,750. Social Security is not counted toward income.
- Applicants are required to include a copy of their 2021 Federal Income Tax Return with their application.
- A copy of a Delaware driver's license or a State Identification Card is required to verify residency and age.
- Delaware Residents of five or more years, who have lived on their property for at least one year prior to April 30, 2022 may qualify for the Elderly/Disability Tax Exemption credit.
- Title to the property for which the exemption is sought must be in the name of the applicant, and/or the applicant and applicant's spouse, or a revocable grantor trust with the applicant listed as a trustee, as reflected in the official records of the county.

### Additional Disability Requirements:

- Applicant must provide a Physician Statement of Disability signed by a licensed physician certifying that the applicant is 100% disabled.
- A Social Security award letter stating 100% disability can replace the Physician Statement of Disability.
- No application will be approved unless all taxes, user fees, sewer service charges, Inspections and Enforcement Liens, and all other taxes and fees the due to or collectible by Kent County have been paid in full for all parcels owned by the applicant before the application deadline.
- If mailing the application, please allow ample time for delays or loss of application due to mail service. It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure receipt of the application and its return to Kent County by the deadline.

An application may be obtained from the Kent County Levy Court web site at: <https://www.co.kent.de.us/media/1046697/Elderly-and-Disability-Tax-ExemptionCorrected.pdf>

Or call the Kent County Assessment Office at: 302-744-2401, Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

# Kent County HOLIDAY CALENDAR

Holiday	Date	Day of Week
Good Friday	April 15, 2022	Friday
Memorial Day	May 30, 2022	Monday
Juneteenth	June 20, 2022	Monday
Independence Day	July 4, 2022	Monday
Labor Day	September 5, 2022	Monday
Election Day	November 8, 2022	Tuesday
Veterans Day	November 11, 2022	Friday
Thanksgiving	November 24, 2022	Thursday
Day after Thanksgiving	November 25, 2022	Friday
Day after Christmas/Observed early	December 23, 2022	Friday
Christmas Day/Observed	December 26, 2022	Monday

## Department of Public Works ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Yard Waste Service for Kent County Trash Districts will resume on Monday, April 4, 2022.**

For questions, please contact the Kent County Department of Public Works at: (302) 744-2429 or visit, <https://www.co.kent.de.us/Public-works-dept>

The Kent County Garbage Collection District Annual Holiday Schedule lists the holidays observed by the haulers throughout the year. The chart to the left indicates the dates of the holidays and how it will affect trash service.

Customers who fail to follow the schedule and do not place their cans out the night before their scheduled service may miss service and have to wait until the following week for pick up.

Customers are encouraged to call our office at 302-744-2429 if there are questions regarding trash service.

KENT COUNTY GARBAGE COLLECTION DISTRICT 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE			
Visit: <a href="http://www.co.kent.de.us/Public-Works-dept">www.co.kent.de.us/Public-Works-dept</a> Or on Facebook visit: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/kclcdpw">https://www.facebook.com/kclcdpw</a>			
Holiday's Observed	Date of Week	Date of Holiday	Collection Day
Memorial Day	Monday	May 30, 2022	Does Not Affect Service
Independence Day	Monday	July 4, 2022	One Day Later <b>All Customers</b>
Labor Day	Monday	Sept. 5, 2022	One Day Later <b>All Customers</b>
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	Nov. 24, 2022	One Day Later <b>Thurs. &amp; Fri. Customers</b>
Christmas Day	Sunday	Dec. 25, 2022	Does Not Affect Service
New Year's Day 2023	Sunday	Jan 1, 2023	Does Not Affect Service

# Kent County Levy Court REDISTRICTING COMPLETE

Delaware State Law, Title 9, Chapter 41 § 4105 & § 4106 requires Levy Court to appoint a Redistricting Commission within 90 days after the Decennial Census Report is released with the objective being to equalize the population among the six Levy Court Districts.

In 2020 Kent County's Population grew to 181,851, an increase from the 2010 population of 149,541 from 162,310. Given that, the equalization target for each district was 30308.5 persons for each of the six districts with a 15% +/- Tolerance. With this formula, so the maximum people per district would be 34,855 and the minimum 25,762.

Keeping in mind that the new district boundaries would be in effect until the next Census in 2030, the Kent County Reapportionment Committee had to accommodate for future growth. Interestingly, the 1st District (northern Kent County) and 4th District (southeastern Kent County) experienced the most growth. That said, those districts were reduced in size. Following are the changes to each district.

As you see in the map comparisons, District 1 was reduced and redistributed to the 2nd and 6th Districts. District 2 shifted north up to, but not including Kenton, and west over to but not including Hartly.

1st District was reduced and redistributed to the 2nd

and 6th Districts.

2nd District shifted north up to, but not including Kenton, and west over to but not including Hartly.

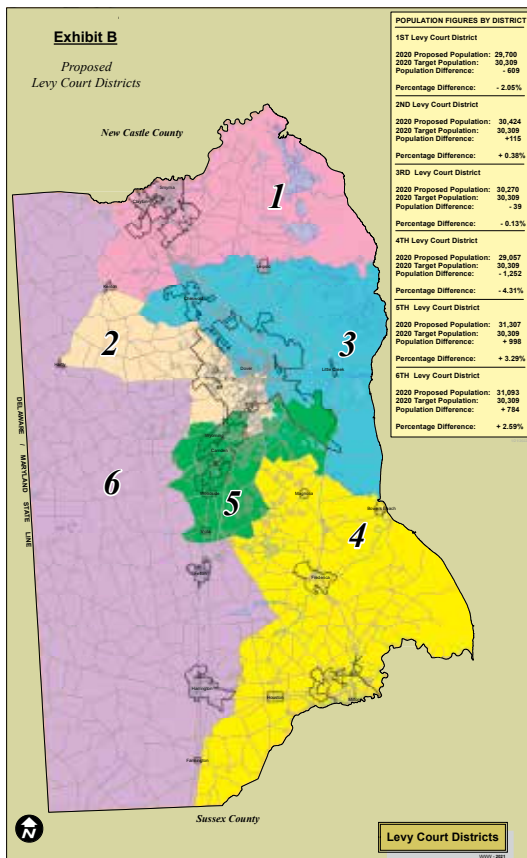
3rd District now includes all of Cheswold

4th District lost a small area within its most northern boundary, which is now in the 5th District. 5th District shifted south.

6th District now spans from the New Castle boundary to the Sussex County boundary.

On January 25, 2022, the Levy Court adopted Ordinance LC22-02, Reapportionment of Levy Court Districts - Revised, with minor changes aligning waterways and roadways with State boundaries.

Membership of the Redistricting Committee, appointed by the Levy Court on July 27, 2021 included a representative from each Levy Court District. 1st District, Temple Carter, President; 2nd District, Jackie McCabe; 3rd District, Glenn Gauvry; 4th District, Matthew Bucher, Vice Chair; 5th District, Mike Devers; 6th District, Margaret M. Dean; At-Large, Paul J. Fleming. GIS Mapping was spearheaded by Mike Ward. Levy Court Commissioners thanked the Committee for their diligent work on the project.



POPULATION FIGURES BY DISTRICT			
<b>1ST Levy Court District</b>			
2020 Proposed Population:	29,700	2020 Target Population:	30,309
		Population Difference:	-609
		Percentage Difference:	-2.05%
<b>2ND Levy Court District</b>			
2020 Proposed Population:	30,424	2020 Target Population:	30,309
		Population Difference:	+115
		Percentage Difference:	+0.38%
<b>3RD Levy Court District</b>			
2020 Proposed Population:	30,270	2020 Target Population:	30,309
		Population Difference:	-39
		Percentage Difference:	-0.13%
<b>4TH Levy Court District</b>			
2020 Proposed Population:	29,057	2020 Target Population:	30,309
		Population Difference:	-1,252
		Percentage Difference:	-4.31%
<b>5TH Levy Court District</b>			
2020 Proposed Population:	31,307	2020 Target Population:	30,309
		Population Difference:	+998
		Percentage Difference:	+3.29%
<b>6TH Levy Court District</b>			
2020 Proposed Population:	31,093	2020 Target Population:	30,309
		Population Difference:	+784
		Percentage Difference:	+2.59%

## 2020 Decennial Census Distribution Proposed Levy Court Election Districts

1-25-22

District 1 - 29,700 (- 2.05%)

District 2 - 30,424 (+ 0.38%)

District 3 - 30,270 (- 0.13%)

District 4 - 29,057 (- 4.31%)

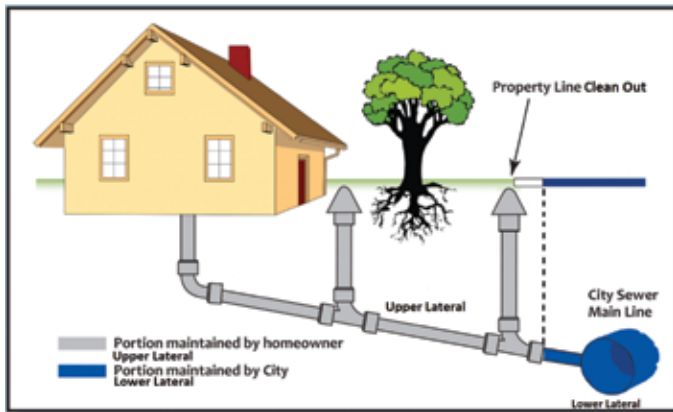
District 5 - 31,307 (+ 3.29%)

District 6 - 31,093 (+ 2.59%)

**Target Per District - 30,308.5**

# Water Backups and How Property Owners CAN PROTECT THEMSELVES

Water and sewage backups can cause headaches for property owners, especially in homes that have basements with a bathroom; but the truth is a water backup could happen to almost anyone, regardless of elevation or whether or not the property has a basement. A backup can happen at any time. Damage and repairs can get costly and this is an unexpected expense that a property owner would need to come up with rather quickly. Sewer lines have two sides, the property owner's and the municipality or county's side. It's important for property owners to know that they are responsible for sewer lines extending from their homes to the point where the municipality's or county's responsibility begins, usually at the cleanout on a property. Kent County's responsibility begins from the cleanout to the sewer main, typically located in the road, but in some rural areas behind the property. So, what recourse does a property owner have when water backs up into their home?

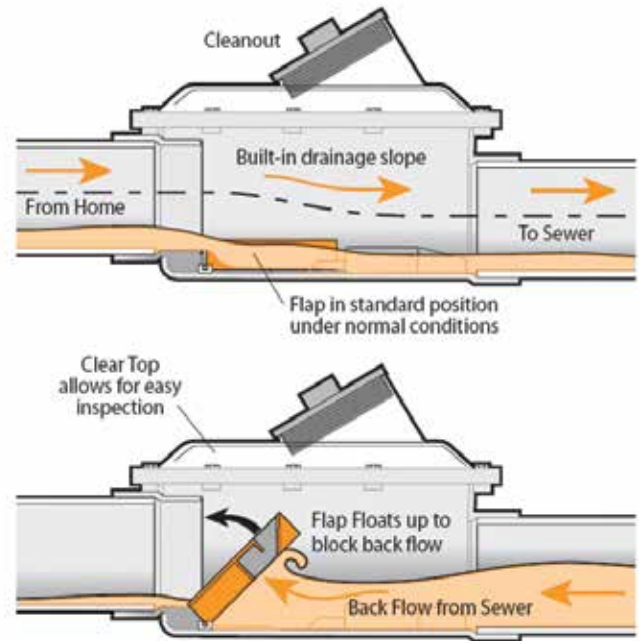


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First, a property owner may purchase a backwater prevention valve on **main waste drain pipes that leave the structure** or that are connected to equipment that is below the potential flood level to prevent sewer backups. It is best to contact a plumber or contractor to advise on the relative advantages and disadvantages of the various types of backflow valves.

The second option is to add an endorsement to a Homeowners or Renters insurance policy for water backup coverage. Most homeowners/renters policies don't automatically cover water backups, but for a fee, somewhere between an additional \$30-\$100 per year, depending on the amount of coverage purchased, the cost of coverage outweighs the cost of damage.

Depending on the cause of the backup, the coverage helps pay for the cost of repairing the sewer line up to



the Municipality's/County's line. It may also cover personal property in the event of water damage from a sump pump.

As a note, water backup coverage is not the same as flood insurance. The difference is, while the water backup coverage covers damage from a backed-up sewer or sump pump overflow, flood insurance covers flooding from natural disasters such as heavy rain storms or hurricanes.

## Tips to prevent water backups:

- Don't pour cooking oil or grease down your drains. Sewer water is cold and oils eventually solidify.
- Only flush bathroom tissue in your toilets. Do not flush baby wipes even though the packaging says they're flushable; don't flush paper towels, diapers or feminine products, etc. These products don't deteriorate quickly and can cause a great deal of trouble in the property owners lateral, as well as in the county's main.
- Consider replacing your line with plastic pipe to prevent tree roots from entering it.
- Consult a sump pump professional, typically a plumber, to check your sump pump regularly and look for any pre-existing drainage system issues.
- Buy a battery backup to keep your sump pump running when the power goes out, or buy a water-powered backup sump pump.



# Kent County Employees Receive PERFECT ATTENDANCE AWARDS for Calendar Year 2021

Presented at the Levy Court Business Meeting, January 25, 2022

## Administration Dept.

Barbara Gibbs\*  
Mary Hazelwood  
Allan Kujala\*  
Michael Petit de Mange\*

## Community Services Dept.

Joseph Paugh  
Michael Rigby  
Jeremy Sheppard  
Angela Short Vinson  
Hillary Welliver\*

## Finance Dept.

Paula Cole\*  
Lisa Cooper\*  
Amy King-Waller  
Paula McPhail\*  
Sheila Ross

## Planning Services Dept.

Jason Berry  
Kristopher Connelly  
Brian Costa  
Jamie Fenske\*  
Jill Johns\*  
Sarah Keifer  
Wm. Shannon Morris\*  
Vincent Parsons, Jr.

## Planning Services Dept. cont.

Rodney Smith  
Nancy Thompson\*

## Public Safety Dept.

Colin Faulkner\*  
Jennifer Graham  
Colton Johnson  
Kenneth Kelly  
Daniel McLaughlin  
Scott McMillon  
Brandon Olenik  
Kathryn Ridgway\*  
Edward Semans  
Kevin Sipple  
Robert Watts

## Public Works Dept.

John Callaway  
Neil Clifton  
Jason Gary  
Craig Harvey  
Timothy Jones  
Michael Lynch  
Shawn O'Toole  
Vincent Parsons, Sr.  
David Richter  
Cynthia Ross

## Public Works Dept. cont.

Lloyd Runser  
Mark Stayton

## Recorder of Deeds

Vanessa Laughman

## Register of Wills

Dianne Rager

## Sheriff's Office

Kenneth Anderson  
Timothy Mutter  
Kim Warfield  
Christian White

(\* In attendance

2021 - 56 Employees

2020 - 73 Employees

2019 - 58 Employees



**Pictured Front:** Lisa Cooper; Hillary Welliver, Barbara Gibbs, Eric Buckson, and Kathryn Ridgway. **Second Row:** Paula Cole, Paula McPhail, Nancy Thompson, Wm. Shannon Morris, Jill Johns, Jamie Fenske. **Third Row:** Michael Petit de Mange, Allan Kujala, Jeff Hall, Glen Howell, Jody Sweeney, Terry Pepper, Allan Angel, Joanne Masten, Colin Faulkner, Lorri Tanaka

## Kent County Medal for Meritorious Service AWARDED TO DR. WILMA MISHOE

On December 14, 2021, Levy Court Commissioners presented Dr. Wilma Mishoe the 35th Kent County Medal. Dr. Mishoe has broken through barriers her entire life. She served as the first female President of Delaware State University after previously serving as the first female chair of the University's Governing Board of Trustees, roles she accepted after serving as interim president in 2014 at Wilberforce University in Ohio, one of the oldest private historically black universities in the country.

Dr. Wilma Mishoe started her storied 40-year career in education at Wilmington University, then Wilmington College, and followed by a variety of administrative positions at Delaware Technical and Community College before retiring after 30 years in 2008.

Additionally, Dr. Mishoe has dedicated herself to the local community as a member of the Capital School District Board of Education from 1994-1999, including a two-year term as board president, and serving on numerous state and local boards, including the Delaware Public Integrity Commission, the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities, the

Delaware Foster Care Board, the Dover Housing Authority Board of Directors, and many others.



**Pictured:** Michael Petit de Mange, Glen Howell, Jody Sweeney, Terry Pepper; City of Dover Councilman Roy Sudler, Dr. Wilma Mishoe, Travis Sudler, Allan Angel, Joanne Masten, Rev. Rita Paige, Eric Buckson, Rev. Dr. R.J. Chandler, Sr., Presiding Elder Ellis Loudon.



# Who can get a BOOSTER SHOT?

<p><b>IF YOU RECEIVED Pfizer-BioNTech</b></p>	<p><b>Who should get a booster:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everyone 12 years and older</li> </ul>	<p><b>When to get a booster:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series</li> </ul>	<p><b>Which booster can you get:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations</li> <li>• Teens 12-17 years old may only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine booster</li> </ul>
<p><b>IF YOU RECEIVED Moderna</b></p>	<p><b>Who should get a booster:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults 18 years and older</li> </ul>	<p><b>When to get a booster:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 5 months after completing your primary COVID-19 vaccination series</li> </ul>	<p><b>Which booster can you get:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations</li> </ul>
<p><b>IF YOU RECEIVED Johnson &amp; Johnson's Janssen*</b></p>	<p><b>Who should get a booster:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults 18 years and older</li> </ul>	<p><b>When to get a booster:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At least 2 months after receiving your J&amp;J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccination</li> </ul>	<p><b>Which booster can you get:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) are preferred in most* situations</li> </ul>

\*Although mRNA vaccines are preferred, J&J/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine may be considered in some situations.

## GET TESTED if:

- You have symptoms; especially if unvaccinated or with serious or chronic underlying health conditions
- You were exposed to someone with COVID-19; get tested 5 days after exposure, if possible
- If you are not fully vaccinated – should be tested once a week

## GET VACCINATED:

COVID-19 vaccines are available from hospital systems, pharmacies, some doctor's offices, Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs), Division of Public Health clinics or other state-coordinated events, and community-based events. The below information is intended to help you find a vaccine nearest you. Some sites require scheduling an appointment online or putting your name on a waiting list. Other sites offer walk-in hours. Read the below carefully for more information.

Log onto: <https://coronavirus.delaware.gov/vaccine/where-can-i-get-my-vaccine/#vaccines-search> OR [Vaccines.gov](https://vaccines.gov)

Delaware is experiencing record COVID cases. The demand for testing has never been higher.

Please take the extra step and confirm that testing centers are open and accepting walk-ins if you are unable to make an appointment.

The State of Delaware does not manage retail pharmacy testing availability.

**For help, call 2-1-1**

(or **text your ZIP code to 898-211** for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing) and you will be connected to medical personnel about screening.

# Employees of the Month

## ELAINE A. MONFORTE

**OCTOBER 2021**



**Elaine A. Monforte**  
Facilities  
Management  
Office

Kent County Department Heads have selected Elaine Monforte from the Facilities Management Office as the October 2021 Employee of the Month.

Elaine currently serves as a Maintenance Worker II and started her Kent County career as a Custodian in May 2017. She was promoted to Maintenance Worker I in December 2019 and to her current position in August 2021. Her primary duties include maintaining the grounds and landscaping of the various County properties, completing carpentry and plumbing tasks, troubleshooting and performing minor repairs to mechanical and HVAC equipment as well as conference room set up

and take downs.

Whether it is repairing and maintaining outdoor surfaces or moving furniture and clearing snow covered sidewalks, Elaine is always eager to assist whenever possible and willing to tackle difficult jobs. Her supervisor praises her work ethic and determination to accomplish all assigned tasks in a timely manner.

According to County Administrator Michael J. Petit de Mange, "Elaine has been consistently outstanding every day since the start. Elaine is always very industrious, thoughtful, innovative, and ready to do whatever needs to be done, and she's a joy to be around. In my book she is a model County Employee."

Elaine resides in Commissioner Angel's and Commissioner Pepper's districts.

## CAMERON A. MAAS, JR.

**NOVEMBER 2021**



**Cameron A. Maas, Jr.**  
Department of  
Public Safety

Kent County Department Heads have selected Cameron A. Maas Jr. from the Department of Public Safety as the November 2021 Employee of the Month.

Cameron currently serves as a Dispatcher III in the Emergency Communications Division and began his career as a Dispatcher I in February 2010. He was later promoted to Dispatcher II and then to his current shift leader position in February 2021. His primary duties include taking numerous emergency and non-emergency calls, determining the exact location of the emergency incident and dispatching the proper response agency and equipment

as well as dispatching additional fire equipment or personnel when circumstances require. He also helps operate and maintain the Kent County Mobile Command Post.

Cameron completed the Part 107 Pilot Certification process

through the Federal Aviation Administration in 2019 and became the County's first commercially licensed Remote Pilot. Since the drone program's implementation, he has been instrumental in the development of procedures for the Drone Team to ensure safe and effective operation. He also maintains the County's aircraft to keep it in flightworthy condition and has trained multiple remote pilots within the organization to a proficient and mission ready status.

According to Chief Colin Faulkner, "Cameron's expertise and assistance made it possible for us to launch the Kent County Drone Program and we fully support his goal to make the Drone Team a pivotal and crucial asset in protecting the citizens of the County for years to come. And like many of his co-workers, he is a volunteer firefighter, E.M.T., and has served as an officer in the Little Creek Fire Company. He is certainly deserving of recognition as Employee of the Month."

Cameron resides in Commissioner Angel's and Commissioner Pepper's districts.

## NANCY L. THOMPSON

**DECEMBER 2021**



**Nancy L. Thompson**  
Department of  
Planning Services

Kent County Department Heads have selected Nancy L. Thompson from the Department of Planning Services as the December 2021 Employee of the Month.

Nancy currently serves as an Office Support Specialist II in the Planning section and began her career in the Register of Wills Office as a Wills Clerk I in July 2008. She was later promoted to a Wills Clerk II in 2012 and then in 2015 she transferred to the Planning Services Department as a Senior Secretary.

Her primary duties include various clerical tasks such as preparing minutes for the Regional Planning Commission and various other boards, preparing meeting packets, coordinat-

ing meetings on behalf of the Planning section, document management, answering telephone calls, etc. She interacts directly with the general public on a daily basis and supervisors give her high praise for stepping up wherever needed, most recently helping the Housing & Community Development section organize and image numerous records.

According to Planning Services Director Sarah Keifer, "Nancy has gone above and beyond to fill any position feasible to assist the department. This year in particular she really stepped up in the Inspection & Enforcement section to help complete permit technician responsibilities to deal both with the influx of permits and the impact of Covid-19 infections. Most importantly she provides all of this help with a smile and determination to help however she can."

Nancy resides in Commissioner Sweeney's and Commissioner Pepper's districts.