

# Evans Park Monthly Report September 2023

## **Community Center Rentals & Town Events:**

- 9/8 - Gardeners by the Sea monthly meeting
- 9/12 - Bishops Landing Candidates Forum
- 9/13 - Deaf Seniors monthly meeting
- 9/15 - Millville Fire Company Concert
- 9/16 - Heroes & First Responders Day
- 9/18 - Music Bingo
- 9/21 - Memorial Stones were delivered to the Park
- 9/30 - Oktoberfest Festival

## **Town Events September Summary:**

September 16<sup>th</sup> was our first Heroes/First Responders Day at the park. Our local first responders showcased rescue vehicles. Children got to explore ambulances, fire trucks, police cars and a helicopter! We had informational displays from the Millville Fire Co, Sussex County EMS, Bethany Beach Patrol, Beebe Nursing School, Delaware State Police, Ocean View Police and Community Emergency Response Team. The town provided games and prizes for the children, bounce houses, a DJ, face painter and a balloon artist. We had one sponsor which helped to keep the event under budget.

September 30<sup>th</sup> was the second annual Oktoberfest Festival featuring Banks' Beer tastings. Although the weather didn't cooperate, it didn't keep patrons from attending and enjoying the festivities. The number of tickets sold for the beer tastings doubled from last year. We had Artisan crafters inside the community center and outside was the beer tastings, games, and music. This event also was under budget.

## **Upcoming Town Events:**

**Saturday October 14<sup>th</sup>** is a dedication ceremony put on by the Gardeners by the Sea to unveil the new memorial stones at the park for Blue Star families and Gold Star families. 10AM is an invitation only breakfast inside the community center that is sponsored by the town, and the dedication ceremony will be outside at 11AM. Several local groups will be involved in the ceremony, the VFW post 7234, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, and some local Veterans will be honored.

**Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup>** is the second annual Trail of Treats. Local businesses and residents will have tables and tents set up in the park to hand out treats to children from 3PM – 5PM. The town will sponsor games and prizes.

## **Park Improvements**

The privacy barrier with the parks' neighboring property has been completed. A natural screen hedge was planted with native trees that will create a natural windbreak and privacy from the parks' activities. The town of Millville will now receive a 50% reimbursement of the cost through a grant from the State of DE Urban Tree Project and submitted by our Parks & Recreation Administrator.

## **Upcoming 2023 Events Scheduled at Evans Park**

### **OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup> BLUE STAR & GOLD STAR MEMORIAL STONES DEDICATION**

The Gardeners by the Sea Dedication 11AM / meet & greet 9:30 AM in Community Ctr.

### **OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup> TRAIL OF TREATS 3PM-5PM**

TRICK OR TREAT ON THE TRAIL / KIDS GAMES & PRIZES (rain date 10/29)

### **DEC 2<sup>nd</sup> YULETIDE & TREE LIGHTING** (rain date 12/3)

ARTISAN CRAFTS 10AM-2PM / KIDS GAMES / SANTA 3PM-6PM / TREE LIGHTING at dusk

Respectfully submitted,  
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