

Mayor and Commissioners

1. Reach Out Rehoboth. Lynne Coan has announced a new communication tool that the City will be using. The following is from Ms. Coan's communication on the topic: "The City of Rehoboth Beach will launch a new digital engagement platform, called Reach Out Rehoboth, within the next couple of months. The platform allows the city to share information about key projects and provides tools that let residents, businesses, visitors, and other stakeholders offer feedback, share ideas and opinions, and ask questions. Because this information exchange is online, it's always accessible, convenient, and inclusive. It offers increased visibility and understanding of projects and issues while also allowing the city to "listen" and interact electronically and to demonstrate the impact of community contributions."
2. Backflow Prevention. The State of Delaware is implementing a new rule regarding water service backflow prevention devices. New homes, state-wide, will be required to have backflow protective mechanisms. Homeowners who have an existing irrigation and/or a fire suppression system will be required to provide the City with a report, completed by a professional plumber, annually starting in February, 2024. The City expects to provide homeowners with complete information in October, 2023.
3. Basements. The public hearing on a proposed Code revision is happening later this same day (Note: this discussion was occurring on July 21 which coincided with the Board of Commissioners meeting). After discussion, the RBHA Board agreed to send an email immediately to the Mayor and Commissioners requesting they defer a vote on any proposals regarding the ceiling heights of basements until our members have had an opportunity to provide their input. The email was sent immediately following the conclusion of this RBHA Board meeting. (Note: Commissioner Sharp, in her comments at the meeting discussing basement ceiling heights, credited the RBHA Board with helping to persuade her that a decision on this issue at that time would be premature.)

Planning Commission

No Planning Commission updates were available as of July 21, 2023.