



Townsend Social Services Committee Meeting

February 7th, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

VIA Conference Call & Town Hall

141 Main St, Townsend, DE 19734

6 pm Social Services Committee Meeting

- I. Call to Order:
- II. Opening Ceremonies
 - a. Roll Call:
 - b. Pledge of Allegiance:
 - c. Recognition of Visitors:
 - d. Announcements:
- III. Citizens Comments & Participation
- IV. Adoption of Agenda.
- V. Discussion regarding Mayor's Monarch Pledge.
- VI. Discussion regarding Wildlife, Veterans, and Historical priorities.
- VII. Adjourn

Town Meetings will be held both in person and in a virtual format.

Those wishing to attend virtually may dial **1(301)715-8592**. When directed, provide following meeting ID **827- 6421-7575#** and then the following password **361631#** to enter the meeting. If you choose to access the meeting online click the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82764217575?pwd=aHI4RDhTZ0xiME1HV0ZOcHRxSHZ3QT09>

Residents will be able to view documents posted to the meeting tab on the Town website at <https://townsend.delaware.gov> or by joining the meeting via computer.



WHEREAS, the monarch butterfly is an iconic North American species whose multigenerational migration and metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly has captured the imagination of millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, less than one percent of the western monarch populations remains, while the eastern population has fallen by as much as ninety percent; and

WHEREAS, cities, towns, counties and communities have a critical role to play to help save the monarch butterfly; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of Townsend can make a difference for the monarch by planting native milkweed and nectar plants to provide habitat for the monarch and pollinators in locations where people live, work, learn, play and worship; and

WHEREAS, on behalf of the people of Townsend who have already joined me in creating healthy habitat for these magnificent butterflies, I am honored to lead the way by signing the 2024 National Wildlife Federation's Mayors' Monarch Pledge; and

WHEREAS, I encourage other city officials across our great nation to take a stand with me so that the monarch butterfly will once again flourish across the content.

Now, therefore, I, Scott Lobdell, Mayor of the Town of Townsend, do hereby proclaim February 7th, 2024, as: "**MAYORS' MONARCH PLEDGE DAY**" in the Town of Townsend.

In Witness Whereof, I have here unto set my hand and caused the Great seal of the Town of Townsend to be affixed this 7th day of February, A.D. 2024.

Adopted February 7, 2024

Scott Lobdell, Mayor
Town of Townsend, Delaware



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COMMUNITY NOTICE: 2024 National Wildlife Photo Contest

Date Posted: *Tuesday, February 6th, 2024*

The National Wildlife Federation (NWF) is holding their 53rd Annual National Wildlife Photo Contest. The contest entry period is open from *“12:01 am North American Eastern Standard Time (EST) on January 17, 2024 and the final date for submitting photos is March 31, 2024, at 11:59 pm North American Eastern Daylight Time”*. All entries must be submitted directly to NWF; general information regarding the contest may be found below. For additional details concerning the entry rules, please click the following link: [2024 National Wildlife Photo Contest Information and Rules](https://photocontest.nwf.org/menu-rules.aspx?comp_id=B9F573E3-BBA8-4C24-A86B-A2DE460EC0E8)  (https://photocontest.nwf.org/menu-rules.aspx?comp_id=B9F573E3-BBA8-4C24-A86B-A2DE460EC0E8).

Enter the 2024 *National Wildlife* Photo Contest Today!

Now entering its 53rd year, the prestigious *National Wildlife*® Photo Contest celebrates wildlife, habitats and the natural world, with an emphasis on conservation and ethical photography honoring the well-being of animals in the wild. All entries support the conservation mission  (<https://www.nwf.org/About-Us/Our-Mission>) of the National Wildlife Federation, which is dedicated to saving wildlife species and habitats. Amateur and professional photographers alike are encouraged to share their best images of wildlife and wild lands, from around the world and their own backyards.

We welcome submissions in nine categories:

- **Birds**
- **Mammals**
- **Baby Animals:** young of any species
- **Other Wildlife:** underwater life, reptiles, amphibians, insects, spiders, macro and more
- **Landscapes & Plants:** from broad vistas to single blooms

- **People in Nature:** responsibly enjoying wildlife or the outdoors
- **Mobile:** taken with phones or tablets
- **Young Nature Photographers:** open to ages 13 to 17
- **Portfolio:** a collection of up to 10 images built around a common theme related to nature or conservation

A panel of judges will award the following prizes:

- **Grand Prize:** One winner receives the Nature's Witness Award and a cash prize of \$5,000.
- **Portfolio Prize:** One winner receives a cash prize of \$750.
- **First Place:** One winner in each of the eight subject categories receives a cash prize of \$500.
- **Second Place:** One winner in each of the eight subject categories receives a cash prize of \$250.
- **Honorable Mentions:** Each receives a certificate of distinction and a National Wildlife Federation calendar.

In addition to cash prizes, a selection of the winning photographs and honorable mentions from the 2024 contest will be announced in a press release, featured on our social media channels and published online and/or in the Winter 2025 issue of *National Wildlife* [🔗](https://www.nwf.org/nw) (<https://www.nwf.org/nw>) magazine. Photo contest entrants are also eligible for the People's Choice Award [🔗](http://photocontest.nwf.org/menu-help.aspx?comp_id=B9F573E3-BBA8-4C24-A86B-A2DE460EC0E8#PCA) (http://photocontest.nwf.org/menu-help.aspx?comp_id=B9F573E3-BBA8-4C24-A86B-A2DE460EC0E8#PCA).

Modest entry fees support the National Wildlife Federation's conservation work, and your photos inspire our millions of members and supporters to care about wildlife and to act on its behalf. Prizes are made possible by the entry fee; no NWF funds are used for these prizes.

There is no limit on the number of submissions allowed per entrant. Packages include:

- Enter up to 15 photos for \$25: **BEST VALUE**, includes free one-year digital subscription to *National Wildlife* magazine
- Enter up to 10 photos for \$20
- Enter one photo for \$15
- Enter one Portfolio for \$20; can be combined with any other entry package

Consider donating your photos: *The National Wildlife Federation greatly appreciates photographers who choose to donate* [🔗](https://photocontest.nwf.org/common/fileuploads/NWPC-infographic-2024-v2.jpg) (<https://photocontest.nwf.org/common/fileuploads/NWPC-infographic-2024-v2.jpg>) images. *These donations help support our mission of protecting wildlife and their habitats. Photographers who donate images to NWF retain ownership and rights. See contest rules* [🔗](https://photocontest.nwf.org/menu-rules.aspx?comp_id=B9F573E3-BBA8-4C24-A86B-A2DE460EC0E8#Donate) (https://photocontest.nwf.org/menu-rules.aspx?comp_id=B9F573E3-BBA8-4C24-A86B-A2DE460EC0E8#Donate) for more information on donating photos.

Become a member: *You can further support our mission by becoming a member of the National Wildlife Federation, which entitles you to receive National Wildlife* [🔗](https://www.nwf.org/Magazines/National-Wildlife) (<https://www.nwf.org/Magazines/National-Wildlife>) magazine as a benefit of membership. *Learn how to join and receive the magazine.* [🔗](https://www.nwf.org/Get-Involved/Membership) (<https://www.nwf.org/Get-Involved/Membership>)

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VINELAND HOMETOWN HEROES PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The citizens of Vineland recognize the importance of the sacrifices made by the men and women who have and continue to serve in all our military services. From WW I to the current War on Terrorism, Vinelanders have never shied away from doing what is right for the good of others. Some gave their last full measure of devotion in doing so. All anyone needs to see is the beautiful monuments at Landis Park, dedicated to all who have served.

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of the banner and hardware is \$159.00 plus tax. Payable directly to Sir Speedy located at: 3033 South East Blvd. Vineland NJ 08360. You may call them at 856 691-0741.

The requirements for the displays are as follows:

- Person requesting a banner must prove the person whose picture is to be on the banner is/was a veteran:
 - In accordance with **Title 38 of the Code of Federal Regulations** which defines a veteran as “a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.” This definition explains that any individual that completed a service for any branch of armed forces classifies as a veteran as long as they were not dishonorably discharged.
- Service member whose picture is to be displayed must have served in any of the five military services recognized by the United States Department of Defense. (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard).
- Service member whose picture is to be displayed must have been a Vineland resident at the time of service or have resided in Vineland after his/her service time.
- Picture to be displayed must be of the service member only, and in uniform. (Preferably in Dress Uniform) Picture to be displayed must be supplied by the applicant.

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- Cost of having the banner printed, with approved mounting hardware will be the applicant's responsibility. The city will not bear any financial responsibility for the cost or maintenance of the banner. The city has agreed to have the banners mounted on the light post along Landis Ave. The city will not take reservations as to where on Landis Ave. the banner will be mounted. It will be on a first come first served basis.
- Vineland City **will not be involved** in any manner in collecting funds. All payments will be made by the applicant directly to Sir Speedy of Vineland located at: 3033 South East Blvd. Vineland NJ 08360. They may be reached at 856 691-0741, or by email at sirspeedyvineland@gmail.com
- Once the banner is printed, Sir Speedy will contact members of the United Veterans Council who will deliver the banner to Vineland City Hall.
- Vineland City will assign personnel to mount the banners at their discretion. Weather conditions, and other unforeseen factors may cause a delay in having the banner mounted.
- Please call Director of Public Safety / United Veterans Council President Edwin Alicea at 856 794-4000 Ext. 4207 or email: Ealicea@vinelandcity.org with any and all questions in reference to the Hometown Heroes Project.

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