

**PUBLIC COMMENT RESPONDERS & USE CATEGORY**

| <b>Last Name</b> | <b>Permanent Homeless Shelter and Rehabilitation</b> | <b>Cold Weather Shelter (Immanuel)</b> | <b>Cold Weather Love Inc (Code Purple)</b> | <b>Justice of the Peace Court 2</b> | <b>Visitor Center / Rest Stop</b> | <b>Post Office</b> |
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| Beebe            | 1  |  |  |                                     |                                   |                    |
| Bonafair         | 1  |  |  |                                     |                                   |                    |
| Blayney          | 1  |  |  |                                     |                                   |                    |
| Buckingham       | 1  |  |  |                                     |                                   |                    |
| Cantwell         | 1  |  |  |                                     |                                   |                    |
| Conway           |  |  | 1  |                                     |                                   |                    |
| Darlington       | 1  |  |  |                                     |                                   |                    |
| Davis            |  |  |  | 1                                   |                                   |                    |
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| Garvey           | 2  |  |  |                                     |                                   |                    |
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| Zando                     | 1  |  |  |                                     |                                   |                    |
| <b>Sub-Totals by Use:</b> | <b>43</b>  | <b>6</b>                               | <b>3</b>                                   | <b>1</b>                            | <b>1</b>                          | <b>1</b>           |
| <b>Total Responses:</b>   | <b>55</b>  |  |  |                                     |                                   |                    |

**Re: Troop 7 Barracks for the Homeless!**

Diana Beebe <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/10/2020 9:38 AM

To: Libby Zando <[REDACTED]>

Cc: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>; Bob Blayney [REDACTED]

I fully support this request. These people need shelter and sanitary facilities, and food. Diana Beebe, 12 Ship Carpenter Square, Lewes, DE 19958.

On Thu, Apr 9, 2020 at 7:13 PM Libby Zando <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Mr. Scoglietti;

Please recognize the urgency that homeless people now face in Sussex County. They do not have a choice in their situation .

These folks need stability and support for living and raising children in very difficult times

The Barracks on Route One present an opportunity unmatched— for strengthening and stabilizing their lives! Sleeping quarters and Bathroom facilities are much needed . This justifies the use of this facility for this purpose. Plus the location is non controversial with regard to "NIMBY " issues.

Proximity to Public transportation and even biking to jobs, churches and schools are all within access of this location on Route One.

We must assign this appropriate space to the most needy in our community !

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There are special rehabilitation centers in Georgetown, Dover and other convenient locales .

Remember Drugs are a Choice. Many of the folks who are seeking addiction help can even drive and many own or rent their homes. The Homeless have none of those choices . Except to work and pray that they can find stable housing which will May allow them to improve their lives and that of their families. Yes, many children are homeless ! Some live in their cars with a parent or other siblings .

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Please don't let these needy citizens down ...Do the right thing!

And due to the Covid restriction, we encourage you to extend the time limit (APRIL 10th) for email of public opinion regarding this very important and urgent decision.

Respectfully,

Libby Zando & Robert Blayney

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Delaware State Police Troop 7 Site

Mary Anne Bonafair <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/2/2020 12:10 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

My Lord, if we have learned nothing from what we have gone through and continue to go through, then we deserve what falls on us. This is an ideal use for those who may at one point or other in their life, need shelter, food and comfort. There simply is no decent, moral or ethical or practical objection against this.

Thank you.

## Fwd: Troop 7 Barracks for the Homeless!

Michelle Buckingham <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/10/2020 10:49 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

This email to you was forwarded to me by my neighbor and friends. I completely agree with Libby Zando and Bob Blayne, that the Troop 7 Barracks should be used as a shelter and rehabilitation services for the homeless.

Sincerely,

Michelle Buckingham  
Milton, Delaware

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Libby Zando** <[REDACTED]>

Date: Thu, Apr 9, 2020, 7:13 PM

Subject: Troop 7 Barracks for the Homeless!

To: [robert.scoglietti@delaware.gov](mailto:robert.scoglietti@delaware.gov) <[robert.scoglietti@delaware.gov](mailto:robert.scoglietti@delaware.gov)>

Cc: Bob Blayne <[REDACTED]>

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

## Homeless shelter

Kathleen Cantwell <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/9/2020 5:41 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Hello Mr. Scoglietti

Please keep Troop 7 Post as a permanent facility for the homeless.  
Although we appear to be an affluent area there are many people falling through the cracks.  
There is a definite need for this homeless facility.

Thank you  
Kathleen Cantwell

Sent from my iPhone

## Old Troop 7 in Lewes, De.

Ellen Conway <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/7/2020 9:48 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Mr. Scoglietti,

As a member of St. Vincent de Paul in Rehoboth Beach, a group that helps the underserved and homeless, I would like to suggest the use of the old Troop 7 building be used as a homeless shelter. It could be a permanent shelter or Code Purple.

I know there is need and interest in this use!

Please consider it.

Thank you,

Ellen Conway

[REDACTED]

Lewes, De. 19958

[REDACTED]

## Troop 7 property Usage

Amy Darlington <[REDACTED]>

Sat 4/4/2020 2:51 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

I am writing to request that the property formerly used by Troop 7 be turned into a full time shelter for the homeless in our area. I participate with one of the shelters in providing meals for some of these people. I can't help but think that a place for them to be able to go temporarily until permanent housing can be found would be such a Godsend. I, along with many others, are hoping that this idea will become a reality.

Thank you for considering this option.

Sincerely,  
Amy Darlington  
Lewes, DE



STATE OF DELAWARE  
**THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE COURT**

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GEORGETOWN, DELAWARE 19947  
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SUITE 100 B  
NEW CASTLE, DELAWARE 19720  
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ALAN G. DAVIS  
CHIEF MAGISTRATE

**TO: ROBERT SCOGLIETTI  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET**

**FROM: ALAN G. DAVIS  
CHIEF MAGISTRATE** 

**DATE: APRIL 7, 2020**

**RE: PROPOSED USE FOR FORMER DELAWARE STATE POLICE TROOP  
7 BUILDING**

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The Justice of the Peace Court would like to propose that the building at 18006 Coastal Highway, Lewes, DE, the former home of Delaware State Police Troop 7, be utilized as a new location for Justice of the Peace Court 2 and the Statewide Video Court.

Currently, Court 2 and the Statewide Video Court are located at 35252 Hudson Way, Unit 1, Rehoboth, DE. This site is leased space and the lease expires in April 2023. The Court is in need of a larger work space as well as additional parking and the Justice of the Peace Court has already begun its search for a new location.

The property at 18006 Coastal Highway could meet the needs of the court. It has more square feet of office space than the Court's current location and a greater number of parking spaces. Moving to 18006 Coastal Highway would allow the Court to move into a State owned building while maintaining its presence on the eastern side of Sussex County. The site on Coastal Highway, a major thoroughfare in eastern Sussex County, is easy to find and would allow the public easy access to the Court. There are natural buffer spaces between this site and adjacent properties. These buffers would assist the Court in maintaining its security without causing a negative impact to any neighboring businesses.

With the amount of space available in the building at 18006 Coastal Highway, there is also potential space for a Community Court, which would address local problems and provide additional services to the county. A Community Court could address low-level and non-violent criminal behavior by focusing on problem solving and certain treatments while still ensuring public safety.

The building at 18006 Coastal Highway, as a former police station, may still contain some security features similar to those needed by the Court. The building may also still have the wiring needed for the Court's technology needs. Having these items already part of a new location does away with the need to add them to a structure when the court does move.

The cost for the leased space at Hudson Way is currently around \$103,000.00 annually. To acquire a leased property similar to the type of space available at 18006 Coastal Highway could obligate the Court to an annual rent of approximately \$174,000.00. Relocating to the site at 18006 Coastal Highway could result in cost savings for the Justice of the Peace Court.

## Proposed use for former DSP Troop 7 building

Tyndall, Casey (Courts) <Casey.Tyndall@delaware.gov>  
on behalf of

Davis, Alan (Courts) <Alan.Davis@delaware.gov>

Tue 4/7/2020 1:05 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Cc: Kennedy, Marianne (Courts) <Marianne.Kennedy@delaware.gov>; Parker, Stephanie K (Courts) <Stephanie.K.Parker@delaware.gov>; Lafferty, Gayle (Courts) <Gayle.Lafferty@delaware.gov>

 1 attachments (1 MB)

Proposed Use Memo.pdf;

Good afternoon Mr. Scoglietti-

Attached is a proposal from the Justice of the Peace Court concerning the reuse of the former Delaware State Police Troop 7 building.

If you have any questions or would like to have further discussion, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

AD

Alan G. Davis  
Chief Magistrate  
Justice of the Peace Court  
5 East Pine Street  
Georgetown, DE 19947  
(302) 856-5871

## Old Troop 7

Trish Dickerson <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/3/2020 9:14 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

As a nurse/addictions counselor who works at a methadone clinic, there seems the need for more services for those who are homeless and those with addiction. Troop 7 is big enough to have bunk beds in each room as well as staff offices. It should be used as a resource center for those populations to work on getting back in the community such as job counseling, housing assistance and things like that. This is much needed in this area.

Patricia Dickerson, LPN, BS

## Shelter

Bobbi Dunham <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/5/2020 7:01 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

I read with interest the article in the Gazette about the future use of the Troop 7 Building. I have been involved in preparing meals for Immanuel Shelter for several years and I feel that the care and shelter of the homeless population in our Rehoboth/Lewes area is hopelessly inadequate. I totally agree with Mr Peterson that converting the building to a shelter will help remedy part of the problem.

Didn't Jesus say something about taking care of the least of your brethren is taking care of me? The homeless are ordinary people like us, just less fortunate.

Thank you.

Bobbi Dunham

Lewes

## Troop 7 in Lewes

Nikki Economou <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/3/2020 1:44 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Cc: Nikki Economou <[REDACTED]>

i'm writing to strongly support using the old Troop 7 headquarters to help the homeless in eastern Sussex County.

Let the building be given to nonprofit Immanuel Shelter; it has an 11 year track record of successful shelter management.

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Nikki Economou  
Mitake Oyasin 😊  
'We are all related'

## Troop 7 Facility

Geri Garvey <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/9/2020 12:34 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

My husband and I have owned property in Lewes since 2008. We now live in Henlopen Landing and love this area of Delaware. We belong to St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church and our parishioners are actively supporting Casa San Francisco in Milton through meals, office support, and food distribution. Casa is a homeless shelter for 12 adults. Through my experience there I have seen the need for more housing for the homeless in our area and have referred people to Code Purple shelters.

This past winter we volunteered a few times at the Troop 7 building on Coastal Highway when it was opened as a shelter. The building is in a convenient location for the homeless and could be renovated to add the needed upgrades for a permanent shelter. We strongly believe this would improve the lives of the vulnerable people in our area.

We hope the State will take the immediate need for housing for the homeless into serious consideration when deciding what the building should become.

Sincerely,

George and Geri Garvey

[REDACTED]  
Lewes, DE 199581

## Troop 7 building

Catherine Gelwicks <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/2/2020 11:09 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

The troop 7 building would best serve our community as a permanent, year round homeless shelter. Immanuel Shelter, with their successful 11 year track record, could run it..I am a volunteer who cooks meals for Immanuel and the need is great.

Sent from my iPad

## Troop 7 building

Sue Goudy <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/3/2020 2:27 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

The building should remain a homeless shelter. We don't need more offices, Mr. Lopez. Don't put the homeless back on the streets before they have a permanent home.

Susan Goudy  
Rehoboth Beach

Sent from my iPhone

## Troop 7 building use

Sheila Halfpenny <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/13/2020 11:08 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr Scoglietti, in a recent Cape Gazette article comments were solicited for the use of the Troop 7 building.

As a supporter of care and meals for the homeless and the Immanuel Center, in particular, I am 100% in favor of the building being used in this manner.

As a 15 year resident of Lewes and upbringing in Wilmington, I was surprised at the number of homeless. Amidst the affluence of retirees that have settled very comfortably here in Lewes, have found an abundance of "pockets of poor." Every time I bring a meal, I am shocked by the #'s.

Recently meals have been brought to motel rooms. Hard to imagine the insecure and anxious days and nights of the homeless.

Also, I substitute teach at Cape h.s. and am in awe of what the teacher's attempt to do with Cape's diverse student body.. some students talking openly about difficulties at home.

The weather (let alone the virus) has been unkind through present day ... several cold days, rain and today, 70-80mph winds. Please help our homeless!

Sincerely, Sheila Halfpenny

Sent from my iPhone

## Troop 7 Facility

Mary Hannaman [REDACTED] >

Tue 4/7/2020 3:01 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Sir,

Please make the Troop 7 Post in Lewes, Delaware a permanent facility for the homeless in our area.

I am a volunteer with St. Vincent dePaul at St. Edmond Church in Rehoboth. We receive numerous requests for assistance from homeless individuals throughout the year. We have helped the homeless within our very limited guidelines, but more assistance is greatly needed. If we assist someone for a few days in a motel, where do they go next?

Again, please make the Troop 7 Post a permanent facility for the homeless.

Thank you,

Mary Hannaman

[REDACTED]

Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

## Re: Future Use of Troop 7 in Lewes

Sue Claire Harper <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/2/2020 10:07 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Thanks so much Bert for the confirm. This is such an important issue, I think it would be extremely beneficial for you to send a Letter to the Editor of the Cape Gazette and other publications serving eastern Sussex seeking public input. I can only assume that most people don't read the classified section of the paper. However, I know from experience that the Letters to the Editor has a robust following. Perhaps editor Trish Vernon would consider publishing her own editorial on this topic.

With thanks,  
SC Harper

On Thu, Apr 2, 2020 at 9:36 AM Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <[Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov](mailto:Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov)> wrote:

Ms. Harper

Many thanks for your comments. Your comments and others received will be summarized in an overall report provided to the Chairs of the Legislature's Committee on the Capital Improvements Program for their consideration.

Regards

Bert Scoglietti

Director of Policy & External Affairs

Delaware Office of Management and Budget

**From:** Sue Claire Harper <[REDACTED]>

**Sent:** Wednesday, April 1, 2020 12:05 PM

**To:** Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <[Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov](mailto:Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov)>

**Cc:** Schwartzkopf, Peter (LegHall) <[Peter.Schwartzkopf@delaware.gov](mailto:Peter.Schwartzkopf@delaware.gov)>; Smyk, Steve (LegHall) <[Steve.Smyk@delaware.gov](mailto:Steve.Smyk@delaware.gov)>; Lopez, Ernesto B (LegHall) <[Ernesto.Lopez@delaware.gov](mailto:Ernesto.Lopez@delaware.gov)>

**Subject:** Future Use of Troop 7 in Lewes

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

I strongly believe that this past winter's experience at the former Troop 7 facility in Lewes clearly demonstrates that this building is ideally suited as a shelter for the homeless. I have no doubt that to best serve this population that the building will have to undergo some modifications. But given the dramatic need of our fellow citizens here in eastern Sussex, I think the modifications are a minor issue. The possibility exists that local builders will offer their services either at low cost or no cost.

I thank you in advance for helping make this concept a reality.

Sincerely,

Sue Claire Harper

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*Sue Claire Harper*  
*LWVDE Co-President*

  
*Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971*

**PUBLIC COMMENT : TROOP 7 site**

Jeanne Holtkamp [REDACTED]

Sun 4/5/2020 1:05 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

There is a great need for support for the homeless in the Lewes/ Rehoboth area.

These individuals and families need stability year round, not just during winter months. Immanuel Shelter has successfully supported our homeless for 11 years. The Troop 7 building would enable us to do so much more for them.

Please seriously consider this request.

Jeanne Holtkamp

Sent from my iPad

## Troop 7 Building Recommendation

Jim Hurley [REDACTED] >

Tue 4/7/2020 3:03 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Cc: Carol Hurley [REDACTED] >; Lopez, Ernesto B (LegHall) <Ernesto.Lopez@delaware.gov>; Smyk, Steve (LegHall) <Steve.Smyk@delaware.gov>; Schwartzkopf, Peter (LegHall) <Peter.Schwartzkopf@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

We were so relieved earlier this year when we learned that the former Troop 7 building would be used as a Code Purple facility. It's tragic to think that anyone in our great country has to sleep outside, rather than having a roof over their heads. Many of the homeless in our area are the victims of circumstances beyond our control. Many have lost their jobs or are employed at a job that only pays minimum wage. Those salaries are not even close to what's needed to live in our area. With the economy in a free-fall from the pandemic, it's a certainty that more of our citizens will need a safe shelter.

We respectfully urge you to consider converting the former Troop 7 building to a facility where homeless can temporarily call it their home.

Thanks very much and please stay safe.

Jim & Carol Hurley

[REDACTED]  
Lewes, DE 19958

## Use of the Troop 7 Building

ehylton2@aol.com <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/9/2020 4:27 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Mr. Scoglietti,

First, I request that you do as was intimated at the end of the article and follow normal administrative procedure. At its publication, the article only offered a sparse 10 day comment period assuming an individual received the newspaper on its first day of publication. Was a formal notice for comment ever published? If so, when and where? Why is the State of Delaware ignoring its need to provide a reasonable time for public comments and a public hearing followed by an OMB public response to comments received with an opportunity for further public commentary prior to an OMB decision. It almost seems that someone is attempting to circumvent basic principles of administrative law here. And if that is the case, one must wonder why.

Homelessness poses the greatest unmet need in Sussex County. Even without denying that the County has issues with substance abuse, it also has facilities to offer aid to impacted individuals. Sadly, as a general rule, the homeless simply fall through the holes in the County's safety net. The Troop 7 site is the most logical site for a homeless shelter in Sussex County. Immanuel Shelter has worked tirelessly over the years to locate a site that could address the needs of permanent supportive housing to offer year round services to those who need it and simply do not meet requirements for other intake facilities. An adequately sized site could also be available for an ongoing temporary Code Purple shelter. The Troop 7 site is ideal because it virtually eliminates the major stumbling block to helping these Sussex citizens--Not In My Back Yard (NIMBY). Much volunteer effort on Immanuel's part has simply been wasted over the past few years because the more mainstream Sussex residents do not want a shelter in proximity to their property. The Troop 7 site sits back from the road and is sufficiently isolated to alleviate NIMBY fears, yet still serviced by public transportation.

Too, just as other Delaware counties and jurisdictions throughout the country are now demonstrating by placing homeless people in motel rooms as opposed to fluid open areas, when people have a place where they feel some "ownership" during a period of need, they can more effectively focus on meeting other needs. Although Immanuel is now working with its second site to offer some stability to at least portions of the homeless population, the NIMBYs have been out in full force. When/if approval is obtained, much work will be required before that site can be habitable. By contrast, the Troop 7 site could be quickly operational and affords room to expand. Such expansion would

allow Immanuel to offer other services that the homeless need, and with such services, in all likelihood, many would be able to return to a greater level of self sufficiency.

To reiterate, after a career specializing in administrative law, I am deeply concerned that the Delaware OMB has offered a paltry period of barely one week for comment and, as explained in the article I read, seems to have no intention of following basic administrative law procedures. Compounding the problem, the State is in lockdown in the midst of a pandemic that grows exponentially. It would seem logical that this is not the time to short circuit basic procedure under the guise of meeting a legislative timeframe that is not now in jeopardy and may be only aspirational at best. I urge you to address use of this building properly and equitably, recognizing the impact of the major pandemic facing us all.

Thank you.

Ellan R. Hylton

[REDACTED]

Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971

## Troop 7 Building

Janet Idema [REDACTED] >

Fri 4/10/2020 8:25 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

I would like to urge you to extend the comment period for the use of the troop 7 building.

Due to COVID-19 people are caring for their loved ones, overwhelmed and otherwise occupied.

I for one would like to voice a strong opinion for the use of the building a a full time shelter for the homeless in our community.

Last winter's Code Purple (Love Inc) utilized the building for weather related shelter about 3-4 nights per week from January 15th- March 15th seeing 8-10 people per night.

Immanuel Shelter Inc another local shelter serving this area for 11 years was also open from Dec. 18, and in fact remains open now as a response to COVID-19. Immanuel served between 33-42 homeless individuals and families and children every night since that time.

Surely it is apparent that our area needs a homeless shelter to care for the most vulnerable in our area of which there are more than 75+ living in motels, the woods, their cars, or on the streets.

Since Immanuel has not been able to utilize our building on Route 9 due to NIMBY backlash the troop 7 building offers an excellent alternative without much impact on the neighboring community and traffic as few homeless own cars.

I urge you to listen to the urgent needs of our community, which at this point is Homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,

Janet Idema

## Old Troop 7 Facility

larry kenney <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/7/2020 3:49 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Hi Mr. Scoglietti,

I am a resident of Rehoboth Beach and a volunteer for the Saint Vincent DePaul group from St Edmund's parish in town.

I am writing to voice my desire to have the Old Troop 7 structure become a permanent shelter for the homeless of Sussex county. There is a great need in our community for this type of facility and a large number of volunteers who will volunteer their time and resources to make this viable living arrangement for those in need. I hope you will consider this request.

Best wishes, stay healthy.

Larry Kenney

[REDACTED]

Rehoboth Beach De 19971

Larry Kenney

[REDACTED]

**Responding to this request:**

The former [Delaware State Police](#) Troop 7 headquarters has served our community well for nearly 40 years, including a spin this winter as an emergency [Code Purple Sussex County Delaware](#) shelter.

The next step for this property is to determine what its future will be. We will be studying and assessing the needs of our community to best decide how to use this asset.

If you have thoughts on how we should utilize this site, please send your comments to Robert Scoglietti at the Office of Management and Budget, 122 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. South, Dover, DE 19901, or sent by email to [robert.scoglietti@delaware.gov](mailto:robert.scoglietti@delaware.gov)

4/9/20

Dear Robert Scoglietti,

We were delighted to offer homeless services at Troop 7 this past winter and would be pleased for the opportunity to serve again. I am the Chairperson of the Sussex County Homeless Coalition, I sit on the State of Delaware CoC (Continuum of Care), the lead agency overseeing homeless response systems in state of Delaware, and am the Director of Love INC and effective model of mobilizing the community together. Love INC oversees Code Purple Sussex County among other major projects to assist vulnerable in Sussex County. Our strength is we are uniquely designed to bring all the stakeholders together for the benefit of the wholistic help of community members who are marginalized, vulnerable and need supports to thrive.

We would like to continue the work started this winter at Troop 7 and build on this work doing what we do best. We would like to lead the initiative and include stakeholders. We hope that Senator's Schwartzkopf and Ernie Lopez would continue their support of our work and lead with us.

We understand the complexity and the art of girding up community to create supports that fill gaps. There is a growing homeless problem in Cape Region community. This growth is for many reasons including generational poverty, addiction, mental health, disabilities, affordable housing crisis and an aging community. To address these issues there must be a comprehensive plan in place. That is what we do and we do it well.

We have created a preliminary concept strategy of what we can accomplish if given the opportunity in this space.

Kind Regards,

*Susan R. Kent*

Susan R. Kent

Executive Director, Love INC of Mid-Delmarva

## **Love INC's Comprehensive Community Campus – Vision & Strategy**

### ***18006 Coastal Highway- Lewes, DE***

Love INC is a local 501(c)3 that is equipped to provide a Comprehensive Community Campus to fill gaps of services in the Cape Region area at the old Troop 7 property. We have already been successful creating a campus with a property donated by Nanticoke Hospital in Seaford. Our strategy has already proven to be a successful model and under our leadership the Comprehensive Community Campus would offer a wide variety of collaborative resources with a focus of care on persons experiencing homelessness, mental health and/or persons (and their families) experiencing addiction. We accomplish more by recognizing other entities from Government, Community, Faith Based, and Non-profits are also called to serve the vulnerable community and our work must tie in with their work to strengthen the impact to community.

On the old Troop 7 grounds, there are 3 structures that can put the property to quick use. If given the lead on this project or even gifted the property to fulfil this vision, Love INC is uniquely designed to pull off a campus for the vulnerable that is adaptive to the current needs of the Cape Region area. At the foundation of Love INC is the clearinghouse a centralized call center. This call center is where needs of local neighbors are received, a thorough intake is conducted; the information is verified, an assessment of local resources is made, and referrals and a consultation are given to the person reaching out in need. We have been operating a clearinghouse in Sussex County since 2010. The clearinghouse allows us entry to understand the needs, gaps and is the first step to working long term with persons in need. We connect neighbors to a long-term comprehensive case managed plan that includes community courses such as budgeting, parenting, life skills, addiction and treatment resources, etc. Our mentor program matches a community member in need to a trained community member who can walk alongside the person at their pace. Not everyone will participate, that is ok, as the offering of the partners in Government, Community, Faith and other Non-Profits can also be a great resource for the neighbor in need.

### **Why does Cape Region Community need what we offer?**

Our government, (local, county, state and federal) cannot handle alone the underlying conditions of vulnerable populations, but their responses are abundant and created to extend to community responses who are ready to take the next step in the continuum of care. The Cape Region community is filled with vital, caring, educated retired professionals who are willing to offer time and talent to better their community. We experienced their dedication to help the vulnerable this past winter when we offered shelter at troop 7. The Civic groups, area businesses and philanthropic resources are also an incredible untapped resource. The churches and faith-based initiatives offer a component critical to community

members in need; and something no other entity can offer - an opportunity to build relationships and strengthen the marginalized personally through companionship and authentic friendships. People need people, and they need healthy relationships to grow. This is a metric that is nearly impossible to measure, because it is immeasurably more and essential to helping the whole person. And finally, there is an abundance of non-profits available to the public. For example, we have non-profits who focus solely on homeless advocacy, addiction, mental health, housing, financial, benevolence, human trafficking, domestic violence, veteran outreach services, counseling and overall health to name a few. The list of nonprofits serving Delaware is long. **But all these abundant resources are not connected.** And with that lack of connection, the results of their work is weakened. Cape Region is in desperate need of a central location that houses centralized intake and tracking with ALL of what the community partners who are in different locations are offering and linking the work they do to work together. THIS IS WHAT LOVE INC DOES IN COMMUNITIES FOR OVER 40 years. Having these 4 main Key Stakeholder thread together in one location to offer the citizens of Cape Region connection to the resources that are there for them. This wholistic approach allows for individualized supports in a comprehensive way.

#### **First Year Plan:**

**Apply for variance with Sussex County for change in use**

**Apply with Planning and Zoning and Del Dot**

**File any permits required for local, county and state**

**Create a site plan**

**Create minor remodel plans 3 buildings with architects and engineers**

**Contractors make the modifications**

**Apply for Fire Marshall approvals etc.**

**Inspections and approvals**

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**Offer Training to the community**

**Open Cold Weather Shelter**

**Invite other Stakeholders in**

**AA, Nar-Anon**

**Other non-profits who serve the area but do not have an office**

**All the offerings of Love INC will be available**

**Clearinghouse (central intake)**

**Code Purple (homeless outreach)**

**B.R.I.D.G.E.S. (Addiction responses)**

**T.E.A.M. (Matching program – mentors to participants)**

**GAP Supplies – (dignity items, food, clothing hygiene)**

## **Narrative of how we plan implement the strategy:**

Open November 1, 2020 a Cold Weather Shelter will open every night regardless of the temperature through the winter months. Facilitated by our trusted and experienced Code Purple Sussex County Shelter Team. This team operates successfully 9 sites in Sussex County each year since 2014. The team we created last year is ready to serve again.

The immediate gaps in services in the Cape Region area that could be fulfilled at this property and serve the community well by us hosting a cold weather low barrier shelter. We would do so in the two garage structures that are heated. We are the non-profit who ran code purple out of Troop 7 in the main building this past January, February and March of 2020 and understand the property and its structures. We are equipped to do the necessary modifications to the buildings and open a low barrier homeless shelter to be open each night from November 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 until April 15<sup>th</sup> 2021. One building can house men, the other women and women with children with 16-person capacity in each building (according to fire marshal regulations). We foresee immediate payout to the community good trusting that all appropriate steps work in favor of our timing such as: zoning, variance (use), fire marshal, remodel permits, inspections, etc. The community support for us and the homeless work we do is overwhelming. This location at the old Troop 7 has **not** had any "NIMBY" reaction as have other tried to offer shelter sites have in the Cape Region area. When seeking WHERE to help the homeless with shelter this location is community approved already – half the battle in getting the shelter open is that the community buys in that this is a good thing. The Cape Region community supports this initiative. Love INC has the support of our partner churches in the area, the local community members and businesses, LRAC and of course our incredible board of directors who keep our vision and plans on track.

A local businessman and investor in Love INC has committed the funding required to hire a development position. We will be posting inhouse next week and then to the public if we are not able to hire inhouse. This position will ensure we remain funded to provide the services we offer. Since Love INC is run mostly on the ingenuity of professional volunteers who have retired and are giving back their expertise to community; we run an incredible efficient non-profit. We produce a lot and spend frugally, but all we do we do so in excellence and with best practices that are tried and true.

**What Love INC already offers** and is built into all we do to be an immediate asset to the Cape Region Community if we were granted the ability to conduct business in the main building on the campus:

**Clearinghouse Call Center – Centralized Intake** Love INC already covers this area and has established the connections with all the non-profits and are already serving and helping with intake and tracking and connecting to resources to make meaningful connections to people in need all over the county including the Cape Region Area.

**Code Purple Sussex County-** Community Supports for Homelessness, our agency has the Code Purple Hotline, and hosts 9 sites each winter to shelter homeless from ages 0-100.

**B.R.I.D.G.E.S. - Bridging Recovery in Delaware Gathering Essential Supports**

B.R.I.D.G.E.S. offers a Community Navigator Program to teach the community how to be part of the solution in helping with addiction and recovery. This is a huge initiative and major project of Love INC. We have a trailer “Not My Kid” showing parents and guardians hides where drugs might be hidden by teens. We partnered with DSP on this project and take it to events to train. train the trainer, community training, advocacy, prevention and connection to the Essential Supports by connecting neighbors to a CN (Community Navigator) to navigate the systems of care with persons in need or connecting to treatment.

**GAP Services** - Food, Clothing, Dignity Supplies, Baby Pantry and Furniture Distribution, The basement of the main building is suited to allow essential supplies for the homeless to be distributed from. The community is very generous with these donations and the building is spacious enough to house and distribute these items to participants.

**T.E.A.M. Teach Equip Affirm & Mentor** (Mentoring and counseling. Connecting participants to a community match and offering community classes with incentives.)

Affirming Potential – 12-week course on learning your potential

Life Skills Classes

Parenting Skills “Making Parenting a Pleasure”

Relationship Classes

Boundaries – teaching people how to have healthy boundaries

Housing Counseling

Budget Coaching – Certified by Chalmers’s Center

“Work Life” - Job Skills Training - Certified by Chalmers’s Center

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**Long Term Solutions surrounding homelessness** – The short term plan does not solve all the homeless needs in the area, but it will on the first year of cultivating services at the campus save the literal homeless who other shelter either have not the capacity to accept. Hosting this Shelter offers an immediate community response to the large number of local to the even risk losing life, if there is not a cold weather shelter in place. Long term plans consider the work done at this site would include adding to the property a structure designed specifically for year-round longer-term shelter to focus on elderly and families and offer wrap around services. This step would be done with a steering committee of stakeholders. There will always be a need for cold weather low barrier shelter in each community, but there is also a gap in 30-day shelters and transitional housing options. We have an aging community and unfortunately, they are ending up in our shelters as well as full intact families.

### **Long Term Solutions to Addiction resources offered on site at this campus–**

Have on site medical professionals who specialize in Treatment and Recovery,

Have a non-profit offer OPT to our participants and community members who need outpatient treatment.

Have a robust counseling center. Making certain there is a stock of certified drug and alcohol counselors on site and accepting patients and available 7 days a week.

Partner with the Sussex County Community Response Team run by the State of Delaware with B.R.I.D.G.E.S. Community Navigator Program.

Offer 24/7 Crisis drop in for assessment and connection to treatment, fully funded with certified medical professionals, social service providers, and personnel able to make mental health, addiction and co-occurring diagnosis. Perhaps expand Recovery Innovations to have a site on this campus to offer 23-hour beds to this location. WE WON'T RE-INVENT THE WHEEL WHEN A GROUP IS SUCCESSFUL, WE WILL PARTNER.

Community Supports – constant training for the lay person and persons working on the front lines to fill our toolbox of best practice and communicate a strategy each person in the community can be a part of helping.

Upon request, we can submit letters of recommendation from Local, State and Federal providers and leaders who work with us to share the effective part we play in helping community members to be connected to resources. Our work and goals include reducing overall homelessness, offer addiction and recovery supports (including prevention) and to gird up the community **to be part of the solution.**

## Letter of Support for Homeless Resources to continue to be offered at Troop 7

Susan R. Kent <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/10/2020 11:19 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

📎 1 attachments (203 KB)

Cape Region Comprehensive Campus.pdf;

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

Please see attached letter of our recommendation of ways to use the old troop 7 site in Lewes, DE.

Kind regards,

Susan Kent

RE:

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*Susan R. Kent - Executive Director*

*Private Cell:* [REDACTED]

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PO BOX 542

SEAFORD, DE 19973

**\*\*\*302-629-7050\*\*\***

**Love INC Clearinghouse - Neighbor LINC**

## Troop 7 building

Linda Knotwell <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/6/2020 8:48 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

A Comprehensive Visitor Center and Rest Stop for Delaware

## Use of Troop 7 facility

Susan Lee <[REDACTED]>

Mon 4/6/2020 6:19 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

April 6, 2020

Mr. Robert Scoglietti  
Spokesperson  
Office of Management and Budget  
Dover, Delaware

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

Thank you for reaching out to the public for input into how best to utilize the Lewes Troop 7 facility on Coastal Highway, Lewes, DE. I agree with Immanuel Shelter board member Don Peterson that (according to the *Cape Gazette* article of April 3) "the building would make a great homeless shelter but would probably have to be modified to accommodate more than the 16 people it housed this season."

The building is already there and can be further retrofitted and expanded, as necessary, to handle a larger group of individuals during one or more seasons. The location of the facility --- easily accessed by bus, van or car --- is perfect for those individuals who are currently employed or are actively seeking employment in the greater Lewes-Rehoboth area or have other needs.

In addition, the utilization of the Troop 7 facility for the homeless shelter would obviate the need for a homeless shelter at the Belltown Church site. As you may know, Immanuel Shelter had attempted to obtain a special-use exemption from the Sussex County Board of Adjustment to build a homeless shelter at the Belltown site, but the Board's approval of the exemption was subsequently overturned by the Supreme Court of Delaware. Notwithstanding, there have been recent indications that Immanuel Shelter is seeking to move ahead with plans for the Belltown site by another means. This would clearly go against the Court's ruling and would fly in the face of numerous nearby residents who had expressed legitimate concerns about a homeless shelter abutting their communities. It would also go against all sound logic that to build a shelter on that property --- at the junction of Beaver Dam Rd.-Church St.-Route 9-Five Points crossing at Route 1 --- would make a dangerous traffic situation even worse, even and perhaps especially in view of DelDot's plans to construct a roundabout in that area. Clearly, for a variety of reasons, the Troop 7 facility is a much better choice for a homeless shelter.

I'm hopeful that other concerned citizens and local residents will weigh in on this important public outreach opportunity and assist you and your colleagues in making the best decision for the property.

Thank you for your serious consideration of my comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan D. Lee

[REDACTED]  
Lewes, DE 19958  
[REDACTED]

## Troop 7

Cmarsh38 <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/10/2020 10:42 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

A brief note about Troop 7 being used for the homeless. I thought everyone worked together to prepare troop 7 to be used by the homeless and am not sure why that is not a possibility now. Please reconsider the use of Troop 7 for the homeless. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Marshall

[REDACTED]  
Lewes, De. 19958

## Use of Troop 7 Barracks for homeless

Leslie Merrell <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/10/2020 12:26 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

The recommendation for use of the barracks is an awesome way to utilize our resources to assist the homeless at this time. I am Nurse and seeing more homeless patients coming to our facility. Those beds are needed for sick patients...particularly Covid 19 patients. If a homeless patient comes to the hospital and is treated, we need to ensure a safe discharge...but resources are limited. If they go back on the street, they often times return again to the hospital and the cycle continues.

I hope that you recognize the benefits of utilizing this facility for this purpose.

Thank you.

Leslie Merrell, BSN-RN, CMSRN

Milton, DE

## Troop 7 property ????

Francis Miller <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/2/2020 8:16 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN,

I have volunteered for Emmanuel house n shelter for 5 years . Our homeless need a place/shelter permanently in the beach area!! There are many needy n homeless people in Sussex county who could use our help Trooper 7 would be an ideal spot for this project Please consider this proposal/ request when deciding what to do with the property !!! Thank you, a concerned sussex county taxpayer Francis J.Miller

## Troop 7

Tony Navitskis [REDACTED] >

Tue 4/7/2020 9:34 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

I am in favor of converting Troop 7 to a permanent homeless shelter

Anthony NAVITSKIS

[REDACTED]

Lewes, DE

Sent from my iPhone

[REDACTED]

## Old Troop #7

Susan <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/10/2020 8:27 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

I am supporting that the Old Troop #7 become a Homeless Shelter as I volunteer at CRC and work with the homeless in Rehoboth area. We are constantly struggling with where do we place them while they are in the this situation. Most of them are in the process of looking for housing in the area of a major shortage of low income housing.

Please make this mission for a Homeless Shelter come true.

Sincerely,

Susan Ondish  
President of the St. Vincent de Paul  
St. Edmond's Church  
Rehoboth, DE. 19971

## Troop 7 building

Eleanor Oudshoorn [REDACTED] >

Sat 4/4/2020 6:03 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

I highly recommend that the Troop 7 building on Route 1 South be used as a homeless shelter. This location is easily accessible, near by public transportation and supermarkets within walking distance. It is a win/win situation for the homeless.

Thank you for your consideration.

Eleanor Oudshoorn

[REDACTED]

Lewes, DE 19958

Sent from my iPad

## Fwd: Troop 7 future use Do You have an Opinion?

Patricia Pilkington [REDACTED] >

Thu 4/2/2020 7:32 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

The Troop 7 building was used to a limited extent for the homeless. It is a perfect spot for Immanuel Shelter to take over. They did a tremendous job of sheltering the homeless this past season in motels. They have the experience and volunteers who feed and counsel them. Please consider Immanuel Shelter as a use of the Troop 7 Barracks.

Thanks for your consideration,  
Patricia Pilkington

## Posting in Newspaper re: Troop 7

RHONA PRESCOTT <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/2/2020 6:45 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Sir,

Immanuel Shelter has been open, 24 and 7 since Dec 18th and still holds 45 people.

Please consider letting us have the building.

We have been soldiering on for over 11 yrs, get little help from the churches, and are renting motel rooms. It is costly and we go from day to day. We also pay to feed.

The Troop building would only require we pay utilities and our homeless would not be at risk to being put out.

We have asked for this building so many times.

Please consider us

Volunteer Rhona Prescott

[REDACTED]

## Police Barracks

Mary Presta <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/7/2020 3:09 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti, I am a resident of Lewes and am very happy to have seen what happened with the police barracks this past winter. I feel very strongly that the "Barracks" should be turned into a full time shelter for the men and woman who are on the streets especially in the winter. The location is perfect for those homeless who do have jobs. Transportation is a must since most of them have no cars or even bikes. Please send my vote for a Homeless Shelter not a drug rehab. Thank you your attention, Mary Presta

## Troop 7

Ruth Pryor <[REDACTED]>

Sat 4/4/2020 1:58 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

I read in the Cape Gazette that you want people to respond re the former Troop 7 building. I am a board member of the Cape Henlopen Food Basket and see very often the need for a permanent housing option for the many homeless in the Rehoboth/Lewes area. I am also in a group of volunteers that prepare regular meals for those who have now been housed in the Rodeway Inn.

So PLEASE, do make troop 7 a permanent home for those who have none!

Thank you,

Ruth Pryor

## And extending the email deadline ... RE: Another Voice Requesting That Old Troop 7 Continue to be Used to Support the Homeless

Carolyn Quinn <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/10/2020 3:55 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

I also encourage you to extend the period for email comment beyond today, April 10.

Thank you.

Carolyn Quinn

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**From:** Carolyn Quinn

**Sent:** Friday, April 10, 2020 3:51 PM

**To:** 'robert.scoglietti@delaware.gov' <robert.scoglietti@delaware.gov>

**Subject:** Another Voice Requesting That Old Troop 7 Continue to be Used to Support the Homeless

Dear Mr. Scoglietti:

I'm a resident of Greater Lewes and a volunteer at the Community Resource Center. I heartily endorse the idea of continuing to use the old Troop 7 building to give shelter to homeless individuals during the Coronavirus pandemic.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Quinn

[REDACTED]

Lewes 19958

## Old Troop 7 Post

Michael Renner <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/5/2020 4:09 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

My wife and I are permanent residents in the Rehoboth Beach area and in our volunteer efforts are well aware of the need for homeless housing in Sussex County. We understand that you are the point person to whom we should contact in support of turning the old Troop 7 post in Lewes into such use. It has performed well as a Code Purple center this winter and we feel strongly that this building should become a permanent year-round State facility for the homeless in our area.

Thank you for allowing us to express our opinion and we hope the State will give this use serious consideration.

Very truly yours,  
Michael S. Renner

[REDACTED]

## Troop 7 Barracks

Joan Russo [REDACTED] >

Sun 4/5/2020 4:36 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Cc: Lopez, Ernesto B (LegHall) <Ernesto.Lopez@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

I hope you, your family and your colleagues are keeping well during the current health crisis.

I am writing to encourage you to repurpose the vacant Barracks Headquarters in Lewes as a shelter for the homeless. As a local resident and volunteer who helps Immanuel Shelter, Casa San Francisco and the Lighthouse for Broken Wings, I see this decision point as a critical opportunity for the State of Delaware to do the right thing by creating a sustainable shelter for people in need in this area. Given its already existing infrastructure and excellent location near places of employment and public transportation, the former barracks could sensibly serve as a traditional homeless shelter or even as a transitional facility. Ideally, it might be both and function as a point of delivery for support services as well.

These are difficult times, of course. No doubt, huge challenges will face our state as we start the process of emerging from the human and economic devastation which Covid-19 is causing. But we may never have such a watershed opportunity again.

Our local area is blessed with an abundance of volunteers who will welcome the opportunity to continue support our more vulnerable neighbors. A new shelter at the barracks would be welcome focus for our efforts. As part of the process to move such a plan forward, perhaps there is even an opportunity to require an effective working relationship between the current leadership of Immanuel Shelter and Code Purple. Regardless, you can rest assured that a shelter will be well utilized and well supported.

Thank you for considering a solution that will help Delawareans who have no shelter of their own to protect them from viruses or the elements.

Joan Russo

[REDACTED]

Lewes

**Dear Mr. Scoglietti**

William Sharkey [REDACTED] >

Fri 4/10/2020 3:47 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

I would like to join Libby Zando and Ellan Hylton in urging an extension to the comment period on the disposition of the Troop 7 Barracks. The homeless are our most vulnerable citizens and the stakes, for them, are extremely high. For their sake, we need to give this full consideration.

Thank you. Bill Sharkey

[REDACTED]  
Lewes, DE 19958



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129 W. Fourth St  
Lewes, DE 19958  
ph: 302.278.0020

April 10, 2020

Mr. Robert Scoglietti  
Office of Management and Budget  
State of Delaware  
122 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd  
Dover, DE 19901

Dear Mr. Scoglietti:

Family Promise of Southern Delaware (FPSDE) fully supports the Adaptive Reuse Study planned for the former Troop 7 building in Lewes. FPSDE would like to see this building repurposed to support homeless families in Sussex County.

Family Promise is a national organization that guides local affiliates to assist families with children who are in housing distress. Following the recommended best practices of National, each local affiliate establishes a network of locations to provide overnight hospitality and lodging along with a day center location for job search assistance, financial management counseling, and to have a location for laundry and showers.

FPSDE has recently been organized to address the needs of such families in the Cape region. (There is an affiliate serving New Castle County.) We are in the process of establishing overnight lodging/hospitality locations (usually churches), establishing sources of funding, and determining possible locations for a Day Center.

In the Cape Henlopen school district, there are some 25 families with children who are homeless. Recently, Immanuel Shelter housed several of these families through their winter sheltering operation. Once Immanuel closes, these homeless families will likely revert to sleeping in their cars or couch-surfing with friends or family. Once FPSDE is operational, these families would have another option — including the use of a Day Center location while the children attended school, one parent might be at work, etc. A

unique aspect about Family Promise is the intentional focus on the family, seeking to keep the family unit together during a very stressful time.

In recent years, several affiliates within Family Promise have established “single site” locations — where the Day Center as well as the overnight lodging/hospitality are located within a single facility. The former Troop 7 building would be ideal for such a purpose.

FPSDE would appreciate having the opportunity to present its specific needs to the Adaptive Reuse Study group. FPSDE is also mindful of other community needs that could be met through the repurposing of this building. We would like to participate in those discussions, for it may be that several organizations might creatively find ways to repurpose the building to meet multiple needs.

We look forward to speaking directly with the Study Group.

With regards,

//s// DWS

Dale W. Smith  
Member, Core Team  
Family Promise of Southern Delaware, Inc.

**REFERENCES:**

Family Promise National:  
[familypromise.org](http://familypromise.org)

Family Promise Northern New Castle County (only other affiliate in DeIMarVa):  
[familypromisede.org](http://familypromisede.org)

## Adaptive Reuse Study for the former Troop 7 building in Lewes

D W Smith <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/10/2020 10:01 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Cc: Bies Randy <[REDACTED]>; Payette Chuck <[REDACTED]>; Gordon Carolyn <[REDACTED]>

 1 attachments (80 KB)

Troop7 ARS.pdf;

Dear Mr. Scoglietti:

Family Promise of Southern Delaware (FPSDE) would like to see this building repurposed to support homeless families in Sussex County. Please see our attached letter.

FPSDE would appreciate having the opportunity to present our specific needs to the Adaptive Reuse Study group.

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Dale W. Smith



East of the Mason-Dixon Line in Southern Delaware

## Troop 7 building

Judy Spahr [REDACTED] >

Sat 4/4/2020 12:49 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

I am a Lewes resident. I strongly urge that the Troop 7 building be refitted as necessary to serve as a homeless shelter. This location is one that is accessible to individuals, is a needed resource in this area, and will not cause "NIMBY" concerns, which have created some ill will within some neighborhoods.

Thank you for your consideration.

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*Judy Spahr*

**troop 7 building**

elaine stepnay [REDACTED] >

Tue 4/7/2020 7:33 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

I was one of the staff members this past winter shelter season who had the honor of serving the homeless at the former Troop 7 building. We are extremely grateful to have been entrusted with providing safe shelter for our most vulnerable neighbors.

Many people have expressed a desire to continue providing that service, and I have been informed you would like to know those of us who have a interest. Given our current crisis, and the economic struggles that will soon follow, the need for shelter is critical, because so many people in the Rehoboth area count on the tourist season to bring them whole financially after reduced hours all winter long.

My personal feelings are that a shelter needs to be cold weather, open the entire winter season, not just code purple. Being closed a week then open a few cold days is difficult, and devastating to the elderly and to children especially.

I hope you will consider allowing the use of the vacant building again, the location is excellent because developments are not so close that residents should complain, it is located behind a bus stop, and it is large enough to make an impact on the reduction of people sleeping outside.

Blessings to you and yours,

*Elaine Stepnay*

## Future use of Delaware State Police Troop 7 Post

Richard Trzyzewski [REDACTED] >

Sat 4/4/2020 1:07 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti,

Thank you for asking for public comment on the future use of the Troop 7 Post in Rehoboth. I feel strongly that this facility should be made into a permanent shelter for the homeless in our area. I believe that this building could serve, not only as an emergency shelter for the homeless during the cold weather, but also as a facility to provide some longer term transitional housing, and other services for these people. I have come to know many of the homeless men and women in our community, through work as a volunteer at the Code Purple Shelter at the Troop 7 Post this winter, and as an intake worker at the Community Resource Center in Rehoboth Beach. Those who stayed at Troop 7 on a regular basis this winter were very grateful to have a warm place to sleep and a hot meal. They are now on the street. Conditions for these individuals are especially grim this year due to the closings of public restrooms and facilities they used to take refuge in during the day. Immanuel Shelter, as I'm sure you know, has also housed and cared for a large number of homeless individuals and families at motels in Rehoboth-Lewes area this winter, and has graciously been granted a 2 month extension by the state. I would expect that Code Purple and Immanuel Shelter would be able to work together in the future to utilize the Troop 7 Post in the most effective way to serve the most people.

I realize that the facility would need modifications in order to become a year round shelter. I think, if the state were willing to designate the building for use as a permanent shelter, and provide funds for that, we could raise funds from other sources in our generous community, for needed modifications.

Again, thank you for your interest and for reaching out to the community for comment.

Sincerely,

Margaret Trzyzewski

[REDACTED]  
Rehoboth Beach DE 19971  
[REDACTED]

## The old Troop 7 Post as a Shelter for the Homeless

Tom Tully <[REDACTED]>

Tue 4/7/2020 7:59 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>; Trzyzewski, Marge <[REDACTED]>; Susan <[REDACTED]>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti:

As volunteers with the Community Resource Center (CRC) of Rehoboth Beach; as members of the Lewes Rehoboth Association of Churches (LRAC); and as volunteer members for the St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Edmonds Catholic Church in Rehoboth Beach, we **urgently request** that you give your heartfelt consideration toward permitting the use of the old Troop 7 Post as a permanent shelter for the homeless and less fortunate population living in Southern Delaware.

We are aware that this same location was used successfully as a Code Purple Shelter from January through March of this year. And we realize that there exist certain structural modifications that need to be addressed and completed before permanent housing can be accomplished. However, we sincerely believe that with the help and support of the wonderful residents of the Lewes/Rehoboth communities coordinated with the guidance and dedication of the outstanding political leaders of our Great State, the old Troop 7 Post could be a source of great pride and success in permanently serving the much needed housing for the homeless of Southern Delaware.

We sincerely thank you, Mr. Scoglietti, for your consideration of our request.

Respectfully submitted,  
Thomas J. and Mary Ellen Tully

[REDACTED]  
Lewes, De. 19958

## Troop 7 Barracks for the Homeless!

Vincent Varrassi [REDACTED] >

Fri 4/10/2020 7:36 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti;

Please recognize the urgency that homeless people now face in Sussex County. They do not have a choice in their situation .

These folks need stability and support for living and raising children in very difficult times.

The Barracks on Route One present an opportunity unmatched— for strengthening and stabilizing their lives! Sleeping quarters and Bathroom facilities are much needed . This justifies the use of this facility for this purpose. Plus the location is non controversial with regard to "NIMBY " issue.

Proximity to Public transportation and even biking to jobs, churches and schools are all within access of this location on Route One.

We must assign this space to the most needy in our community!

In a recent communication with Jim Martin of the Shepard's Office he spoke about the need of an older homeless women who counted on public bathroom facilities, and now the COVID 19 shutdowns, she was in need of somewhere to use a bathroom. This is not how the neediest among should have to live just to survive in our society. The barracks on Route 1 is an obvious solution.

This facility may very well serve homeless people with drug addiction, but should not be a solution for a drug treatment facility. There are already special rehabilitation centers in Georgetown, Dover and other convenient locales .

The Homeless have no choices, except to work and pray that they can find stable housing which will allow The necessary stability to hell them improve their lives and that of their families, including the many children who are homeless ! Some live in their cars with a parent or other siblings .

This is the time to help them make their lives better. Troop 7 Barracks is an obvious location It has proven to be a Winter Godsend .

Please don't let these needy citizens down. They have no political power to exert to solve their problem.

Due to the Covid restriction, we encourage you to extend the time limit (APRIL 10th) for people to their opinion regarding this very important and urgent decision.

Respectfully,

Vincent Varrassi

Milton, DE  
Sent from my iPhone

## Troop 7 serving as a permanent homeless shelter

Louise Veith <[REDACTED]>

Sat 4/4/2020 11:10 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr Scoglietti,

I think it's wonderful that you are considering making the old troop 7 building a permanent homeless shelter.

This is the perfect location for so many reasons:

1. It's close to the highway and bus stop for transportation.
2. The building is in so much better shape than any other alternative.
3. The need to address this problem has been evident for a long time but with corvid 19 it's highlighted how important a permanent space really is.
4. I was against a homeless shelter in the old church location on rt 9 because that location is not safe to walk to and from with all the traffic. Once Deldot completes road work that will be way too dangerous to get to public transportation with the new roundabout.

I understand, that a meeting to discuss this can not be done now due to social distancing, so please consider this as my support to make troop 7 a permanent homeless shelter and NOT the old church on RT 9. That building and that old church location is just not safe.

Thank you

Michael & Louise Veith

Lewes De. 19958

## Troop 7 Building comments

Donna West <[REDACTED]>

Sun 4/12/2020 3:21 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Mr. Scoglietti:

I believe that the Troop 7 Building should be used for a Homeless Shelter all year round. There is so much need in this county before the pandemic. I can't imagine what the homeless population will be after it?

The Troop 7 building makes so much sense as its walking distance to public transportation, grocery stores and two farm stands in the summer. It has plenty of parking for volunteers, is currently set up with plumbing and electricity and can house both men and women due to two floors. Its not near a development so it cannot affect housing prices as the controversial once proposed Emmanuel Shelter. Its not in a high traffic area such as the 5 points Emmanuel shelter would be located.

There is even room for expansion due to the size of the lot.

Please accept my comments for the record.

Thank YOU,

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Donna L. West  
Harbeson, DE 19951

## OLD TROOP POLICE BUILDING

Cheryl Whorton <[REDACTED]>

Fri 4/3/2020 11:21 AM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Hi there!

How about a Post Office? Relocate Nassau's very tiny cramped outdated old building and insufficient parking lot to this new place?

Better than just having this place sit by itself! Please let me know!

Email: [REDACTED]

Thank you and have a good day!

Cheryl Whorton - Lewes, DE

Via con dios 😊

## Future use of former DSP Troop 7

ROBERT.WOLHAR [REDACTED]

Tue 4/7/2020 12:32 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Dear Mr. Scoglietti:

I am a member of the Board of Directors of the Lewes-Rehoboth Association of Churches (LRAC) Community Resource Center (CRC) which is the largest community outreach organization in the State of Delaware. Our organization provides assistance through a State of Delaware grant called the Home for Good, which assists low income individuals and families in Kent and Sussex Counties Delaware to prevent homelessness by providing substantial financial assistance towards past due electric bills and past due rent. Through another program funded by LRAC, we offer broader financial assistance to individuals and families who live or work in the Cape Henlopen School District with rent, electric, car repairs, car insurance, prescriptions, water bills etc

As an outreach volunteer with the CRC and St. Vincent de Paul at St. Edmond Catholic Church in Rehoboth for the past 10 years, I have worked to assist the growing homeless population in Eastern Sussex County and realize that there is a desperate need for year round permanent housing in our area and I would like to request the State of Delaware to fulfill this need by utilizing the former DSP Troop 7 building for this purpose.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at [REDACTED] or email me. Thank you,

Robert Wolhsr

Sent from Xfinity Connect Mobile App

## Troop 7 Barracks for the Homeless!

Libby Zando <[REDACTED]>

Thu 4/9/2020 7:13 PM

To: Scoglietti, Robert (OMB) <Robert.Scoglietti@delaware.gov>

Cc: Bob Blayney [REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Scoglietti;

Please recognize the urgency that homeless people now face in Sussex County. They do not have a choice in their situation .

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The Barracks on Route One present an opportunity unmatched— for strengthening and stabilizing their lives! Sleeping quarters and Bathroom facilities are much needed . This justifies the use of this facility for this purpose. Plus the location is non controversial with regard to "NIMBY " issues.

Proximity to Public transportation and even biking to jobs, churches and schools are all within access of this location on Route One.

We must assign this appropriate space to the most needy in our community !

There has been rumors of Possible Drug or Addiction Rehab services at this same locale. Those folks now find meeting and counseling services in churches, senior centers and private offices, throughout the County.

There are special rehabilitation centers in Georgetown, Dover and other convenient locales .

Remember Drugs are a Choice. Many of the folks who are seeking addiction help can even drive and many own or rent their homes. The Homeless have none of those choices . Except to work and pray that they can find stable housing which will May allow them to improve their lives and that of their families. Yes, many children are homeless ! Some live in their cars with a parent or other siblings .

This is the time to help them make their lives better. Troop 7 Barracks has proven a Winter Godsend .

Please don't let these needy citizens down ...Do the right thing!

And due to the Covid restriction, we encourage you to extend the time limit (APRIL 10th) for email of public opinion regarding this very important and urgent decision.

Respectfully,

Libby Zando & Robert Blayney

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Fine Homes & Gardens  
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