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A WAY OF LIFE

DEWEY BEACH



***WE WISH EACH
OF YOU AND
YOUR FAMILIES
A WONDERFUL,
SAFE, AND
HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!***

TOWN HALL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED ON:

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH
(ELECTION DAY)**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
(RETURN DAY)**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH
(VETERAN'S DAY)**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH
AND FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH
(THANKSGIVING)**



"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter the words, but to live by them"

-John F. Kennedy

THANK YOU, VETERANS

for your service, protection, dedication and support



THANK YOU TO THE REHOBOTH BEACH -
DEWEY BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,
AND THE DEWEY BEACH BUSINESS
PARTNERSHIP FOR A SUCCESSFUL
DEWEY BEACH SEA WITCH 2022!



Message from the Town Manager

As the busy season ends we continue to move forward on several projects to improve the Town. Now that the "Dewey Wave" center island project has been completed the Town will be installing lights on the center island trees. The trees will be lit on the evening of November 26th to correspond with the Dewey Beach Business Partnership holiday celebration at Fifer's Market. I've been working with DNREC and the Army Corp of Engineers and obtained approval for two projects on the beach and dune. The first project is to install a warning sign "Danger Submerged Structure" at the Silver Lake storm water drain on Dewey Beach's extreme North End. This jetty like structure is completely submerged during high tide which makes it extremely dangerous to the public. The sign will be placed on the beach from approximately April 15th to October 1st and removed during storms. The second project is a dune mat north of the dune crossing on Van Dyke Ave. The dune mat will allow individuals who cannot completely cross the dune to the beach an opportunity to view the ocean. The approximate dimensions of the dune mat will be 10'X10'. The mat will be installed on or about April 15th and will be removed on October 15th . The Town will increase handicap parking spaces on Van Dyke Ave oceanside. We continuing to work with the Town's Infrastructure and Climate Committees to address flooding and storm drainage. We will start work with Remington and Vernick Engineering on completing the Town's storm drain and Read Ave projects this winter. In an effort to improve our streets we will be surveying New Orleans Street bayside and obtaining an estimate to raise the crown of the road to ensure proper drainage of rainwater from the street to the storm drains. The Army Corps of Engineers and DNREC have received 3 bids from vendors for beach replenishment and it appears they have selected one. They are currently reviewing procedural material with the vendor. No start date for the project has been provided.

For updates on other Dewey Beach topics and projects please see our Spotlight Section on our Town webpage.

Enjoy the fall,

Bill



WELCOME TO THE TEAM!



WELCOME, EVONNE TESSITORE!

**OUR NEW PART TIME/YEAR ROUND
TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH
DOG AMBASSADOR.**



WHAT IS RETURN DAY?

RETURN DAY IN GEORGETOWN IS A TRULY UNIQUE SUSSEX COUNTY TRADITION THAT DATES BACK ABOUT 230 YEARS TO 1792, A YEAR AFTER THE COUNTY SEAT WAS MOVED FROM LEWES TO THE NEWLY-CREATED TOWN OF GEORGETOWN. AT THAT TIME, DELAWARE LAW REQUIRED ALL COUNTY VOTERS TO CAST THEIR BALLOTS IN THE COUNTY SEAT. IT'S ABOUT 230 YEARS BECAUSE THE FIRST YEAR IS A BEST GUESS BY HISTORIANS. OTHERS CLAIM THE EVENT'S ORIGINS DATE BACK TO 1811. IN ANY CASE, ORGANIZERS SAID IT'S THE ONLY SUCH EVENT IN THE COUNTRY AND HAS BEEN A LEGAL HALF-DAY HOLIDAY IN DELAWARE SINCE 1965.

SO WHY RETURN (NOT RETURNS) DAY?

VOTERS WERE REQUIRED TO CAST THEIR ELECTION BALLOTS IN GEORGETOWN AND THEN RETURN TWO DAYS LATER TO HEAR THE RESULTS, HENCE THE NAME RETURN DAY. THE DAY QUICKLY TURNED INTO A CELEBRATION. IT'S HELD EVERY TWO YEARS ON THE THURSDAY FOLLOWING THE ELECTION. EVENTUALLY VOTING DISTRICTS WERE ESTABLISHED, BUT VOTES WERE STILL COUNTED AT THE COUNTY SEAT AND THE VOTERS AND CANDIDATES WOULD RETURN TO GEORGETOWN TO LEARN THE RESULTS OF THE ELECTION TWO DAYS BEFORE. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE DAY IS THE ANNUAL PARADE, WHICH IS A REPUBLICAN TRADITION. WHILE THE PARADE ROUTE INCLUDES MOST OF DOWNTOWN, MOST PEOPLE GATHER ON THE CIRCLE TO SEE THE ELECTION WINNERS AND LOSERS OF EACH RACE, MANY RIDING TOGETHER IN HORSE-DRAWN CARRIAGES, ANTIQUE CARS OR CONVERTIBLES. THE WINNERS FACE FORWARD WHILE THE LOSERS FACE BACKWARDS. TAKING PART IN THE PARADE ARE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE BANDS, CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS, BUSINESSES, SPORTS TEAMS AND DANCE GROUPS. FOLLOWING THE PARADE, POLITICIANS GATHER TOGETHER ON THE LARGE RETURN DAY STAGE AS POLITICAL PARTY CHAIRS LITERALLY BURY THE HATCHET IN LEWES BEACH SAND TO HONOR THE FIRST COUNTY SEAT FROM 1682 TO 1791. WHILE THE PARADE IS THE HIGHLIGHT, GEORGETOWN SHUTS DOWN THE AREA AROUND THE CIRCLE ALL DAY TO MAKE WAY FOR FOOD VENDORS AND ENTERTAINMENT. MUSIC KICKS OFF THE EVENT WEDNESDAY NIGHT ON THE CIRCLE FROM 6:30-10:30 P.M.

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Show Off Your Dewey Beach Pride



\$20



LICENSE PLATE

\$50



**SOUVENIR LIFETIME
DOG TAG**

\$15



20 OZ. TUMBLER

\$35



23 X 36 FLAG

\$5



CHALLENGE COIN

\$40



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**AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
AT TOWN HALL!**

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DEWEY BEACH, DE 19971

UPDATES AND REMINDERS



***IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING IN ADOPT-A-FAMILY 2022, PLEASE DROP THE GIFTS OFF AT DEWEY BEACH TOWN HALL:
(105 RODNEY AVENUE, DEWEY BEACH, DE. 19971)
NO LATER THAN: FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2022
THANK YOU!***



ANY PAST DUE BEACH REPLENISHMENT TAX ACCOUNTS began accruing penalties beginning on November 1st. Please ensure your account is current to avoid penalty fees.



REMINDER: DOGS ARE PERMITTED ON THE BEACH BEFORE 9:30AM AND AFTER 5:30 PM THROUGH SEPTEMBER 15TH. AFTER SEPTEMBER 15TH, DOGS WILL BE PERMITTED ANY TIME OF DAY, UNTIL MAY 15TH.

All dogs in Dewey Beach must have a Town dog license. You may purchase a license online, in person at Town Hall, or from the automated kiosk in front of Town Hall.

Dog owners must clean up after their dog. Bags are available at each dune entrance.



REMINDER: PLEASE DO NOT LOCK YOUR BEACH CHAIRS OR BIKES UP TO THE DUNE FENCING. Any bikes or chairs locked to the dune fence may be removed by Town officials. Thank You for your understanding and cooperation.

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Parking and Code Enforcement

1505 Coastal Highway
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Police Department

105 Rodney Avenue
Dewey Beach, De. 19971
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Please dial 911 for emergencies

Alderman Court #36

105 Rodney Avenue
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Phone: (302) 227-6630

Dewey Beach Lifesaving Station

1 Dagsworthy Avenue
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