



AUGUST 2025

DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach

August Vibes, Endless Tides

August in Dewey Beach means skimboards, sunsets, and a full calendar of can't-miss events at all of our favorite Dewey businesses. As the season winds down, come out and celebrate everything that makes summer here unforgettable - from beach games, to live music and dancing, to community gatherings! Let's make the most of it!

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TOWN MANAGER'S

Update

It's been a great summer and August is here! Take some time this weekend and go to McKinley Street oceanside to see the best skim boarders in the world compete in the Skim USA ZAP Pro/Am Championship. There are competitors from around the world, and even some hometown favorites competing.

I'd like to remind everyone that the town is hosting a Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company (RBVFC) donation drive. These brave men and women of the RBVFC are all volunteers who sacrifice many hours to train and keep us safe in our time of need. For every dollar you donate, the Town of Dewey Beach will match it. Please see page 4 and make a donation.

The town would like to thank the Dewey Beach Business Partnership for sponsoring a Town of Dewey Beach Employee Picnic at the Lifesaving Station. A special thanks to Woody's for the hamburgers and hotdogs (with Jimmy O. on the grill), Starboard Sauced for the pizza, Jimmy's Grill for the chicken and dessert, and all others who made this a special event for the town employees. THANK YOU!

The Town Hall/Public Safety building is continuing to move forward on schedule. We hope the walls will be poured in the next two weeks.

Our Police Department, Beach Patrol, building officials, maintenance team, admin employees, and parking and dog ambassadors continue to do a great job keeping our town moving forward and our property owners and visitors safe.

Lastly, I would like to thank Carol Everhart for her many years of service to the Rehoboth-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce. Carol is responsible for many of the Chamber's successful activities. Did you know she started the Sea Witch Festival, which brings thousands of happy visitors every year to Rehoboth and Dewey Beach? Carol will be missed but not forgotten!

Enjoy August !

-Bill



SKIM USA

dewey's favorite sport



Skimboarding is deeply rooted in the Dewey Beach culture.

The success and popularity of Dewey's skimboarding community can be largely credited to Harry Wilson, who started selling his own Sandpiper Skimboards in the mid 70's right here in Dewey. He's witnessed and participated in the evolution of not just the board itself, but the sport as a whole.

While skimboarding was starting to pick up speed in Hawaii and California, Wilson put Delaware on the map with his creation of the East Coast Skimboard Championships in 1982. He later formed Skim USA, which connected local skimboarders with the larger competition circuit happening on the west coast. While Skim USA has since changed hands, we have Wilson to thank for getting the Dewey skim wave rolling.

The culmination of the Skim USA tour each year, the Zap Pro/Am World Championships of Skimboarding is where the top amateur skimboarders of the world gather to vie for a spot on the podium.

This year is the 43rd anniversary of the contest, which is a three-day event that has live music, great food, and an amazing skimboarding competition, all in the heart of the skimboarding capital of the East Coast, Dewey Beach!



Click
for
more
info!

**Friday, August 8th through
Sunday, August 10th**

**On the Beach at McKinley
Avenue**

While you can catch skimboarding action anytime here in Dewey, the Zap Pro/Am Championship is a must-see to learn more about the sport, meet the pros, and watch world-class skimboarding athletes ride the waves to gold!

REHOBOTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Donation Drive

The Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company responds annually to over 600 calls from residents and visitors alike, and that number is continuing to increase steadily year after year. Your generous monetary donations enable the RBVFC to continue their mission of providing the best emergency services to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Please consider donating what you can to help the RBVFC help you, when you need it most..



Many residents and visitors to our area are surprised to learn that when they dial 911 in an emergency, most of the people who respond are volunteers. They leave their families at a moment's notice, day or night, rain or shine, ready to place their lives in harm's way to protect your lives and property. This type of dedication and commitment is tough to come by, but it's one of the reasons the Delaware beaches are such a great place to live, work or vacation. These firefighters are your neighbors and co-workers. They dutifully spend hundreds of hours training each year to be ready to respond at any time to emergencies such as structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, brush fires, water rescues, downed power lines and much, much more.

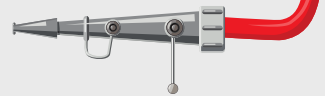


Join the Town of Dewey Beach in supporting our local heroes in their mission to continue providing life-saving service to our area. From July 1st - September 12th, the Town of Dewey Beach will match donations up to a grand total of **\$15,000!**

The Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and donations made by check are 100% tax deductible.

Donations are accepted by check payable to the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company. Please send checks to Dewey Beach Town Hall at 105 Rodney Ave, Dewey Beach, DE 19971.

*Donations may also be made on our [website](#).



*In many cases, online donations submitted to an organization that is not a 501(c)(3) can not be deducted on taxes (The Town of Dewey Beach is not a registered 501(c)(3)). We can provide a receipt for you to verify your donation is for the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company, but can not guarantee this will be accepted as a tax deduction. Please check with your tax accountant prior to making an online donation if you wish to use your donation as a tax deduction, or, submit your donation by check made payable to Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company.



DEWEY BEACH *Patrol*

WITH THE FINAL MONTH OF THE 2025 LIFEGUARD SEASON UNDERWAY, WE EXTEND OUR THANKS TO THOSE WHO'VE STOOD WATCH ALL SUMMER LONG.

August is a busy time for the DBP. As the beach remains packed with vacationers soaking up the last weeks of summer, many of our lifeguards begin heading back to college. We're also proud to send members of the patrol to represent Dewey Beach and Sussex County at the USLA National Lifeguard Championships, which is currently underway in Huntington Beach, CA. There is still time to show your support for the Dewey Beach Patrol! Your donations help to offset costs of necessary equipment and materials, and ensure the DBP's participation in the USLA National Competition each year.

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Jack Schell



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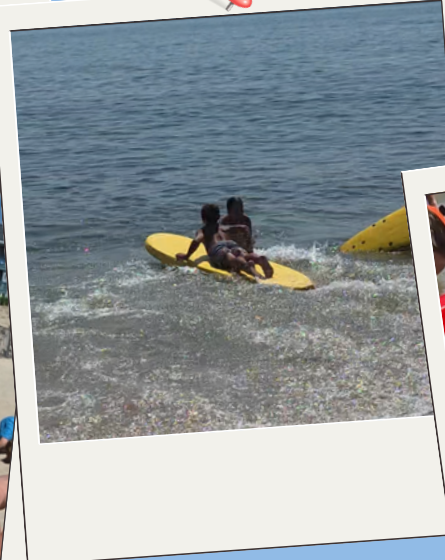
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BUILDING TEAM SPIRIT, WHILE REPPING DEWEY BEACH

"We attend the USLA National Championship every year to show off our patrol members and their lifeguard abilities, as well as their athletic abilities. We always have great success with our team. For the past couple of years, our Mens Sprint Team has won first place, and we're told each year that we have the "fastest Patrol in the country." We have had multiple top ten finishes and first place finishers in Beach Flags in recent years. Our Mens Sprint Team, along with Steve Hagen and CJ Fritchman winning their age groups for Beach Flags, even helped the SCLA (Sussex County Lifesaving Association) win the overall competition in 2024." - Senior Lieutenant Liam Zolper

Junior Lifeguards 2025



That's a Wrap!

Thank you to this year's participants, and to our amazing lifeguards for making this a summer to remember for all of our junior lifeguards!

2025 COMMUNITY APPRECIATION Public Safety Day

HOSTED BY



DEWEY BEACH POLICE
&
THE DEWEY BEACH LIONS CLUB



POLICE

FIRE & RESCUE

FARM ANIMALS

BALLOON ART

BOOK MOBILE

MOON BOUNCE

FACE PAINTING

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FREE EVENT
INCLUDING
FOOD & DRINKS



SEPT 20TH SATURDAY

11AM-3PM

LIONS CLUB

115 MCKINLEY ST.

DEWEY BEACH, DE 19971

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calm before the storm

NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR STORM SEASON

NOAA predicts a 60% chance of above normal activity this season. Here is your reminder to prepare now for potential severe storms.

The 2025 hurricane season typically spans from mid-August through mid-October. While the state of Delaware has been lucky in avoiding a direct hit from a major hurricane, we've seen that even smaller systems off of our coast can pose a severe threat. While high, solid dune structures protect us from rising ocean waters in many cases, bay side flooding is a major concern. If you've spent any length of time in Dewey, you know that even a solid rain storm combined with a lunar tide can have flood waters reaching

Coastal Highway. Severe storm surge from hurricanes off the coast can cause flash flooding throughout town. It is imperative that not just *residents* know the risks, but that property owners properly inform their renters who may not be well-versed in the price we pay to live in a coastal community. We encourage all members of the Dewey Beach family to register for the Delaware Emergency Notification System (DENS), and also subscribe to our town emails to receive severe weather alerts. Prepare now for a potential storm event. For more information on storm preparedness, visit preparedde.org.

Dewey Beach property owners can schedule an appointment to assess their individual flood risk. Contact Building Official Daune Hinks today at (302)227-6363.

1 Know Your Zone
All of Dewey Beach lies in the "A" evacuation zone. If an evacuation is ordered, listen for instructions for this zone.

2 Make a Plan
Planning allows you to act with purpose under stress. Make a plan today to reduce the impact of disaster.

3 Build a Kit
Prepare your supplies for lost power, stay-in-place, or evacuation orders.

4 Stay Informed
Register for the Delaware Emergency Notification System



what's happening

don't miss these activities in and around dewey!



SEPT 13TH

**End of Season
Property Owners Beach Party**



SEPT 20TH

**Dewey Beach
Public Safety Day**



OCT 24TH

**Sea Witch Trick-or-Treat
& Haunted Graveyard**



Monday Movies on the Beach

Hurry! Monday Movies continue through August 18th!

Wednesday Bonfires on the Beach

Hurry! Wednesday Bonfires continue through August 20th!

Private Bonfire Parties

Book your own private bonfire party!
Available year-round right here in Dewey Beach!

Candidates Forum

The Dewey Beach Civic League hosts the Candidates Forum on Saturday, August 23rd from 3:30pm to 6:00pm at the Dewey Beach Lifesaving Station. Get to know this year's candidates for Town Council, and discuss the issues that impact you!

TOWN ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 20, 2025

Be Ready to Vote This Summer!

STEP 1 - REGISTER TO VOTE

Make sure you're registered to vote by checking the [registered voter list](#) posted on the town website. This list is updated periodically. Voter registration is open all year long, closing only during the 30 days prior to the election. If you are already registered, you do not need to register again. Those who wish to register to vote can fill out the voter registration form [here](#). Only individuals who are at least 18 years of age and either bonafide residents, property owners, tenants, or trustees may register to vote. Applicants must meet the criteria outlined in the [Town Charter](#).

STEP 2 - MEET THE COUNCIL

Do you know your local leaders? Read more about the Dewey Beach Town Commissioners [here](#). Our elected officials are devoted individuals with a passion for public service. The best way to get to know your local government officials is to attend or watch the monthly Town Council meetings. View the town meeting calendar on the homepage of our [website](#) for upcoming meetings and topics up for discussion. Watch live meetings, or view the archive on our [YouTube channel](#).

STEP 4 - MEET THE CANDIDATES

Eligible individuals who wish to file as a candidate for the 2025 election should complete the [form](#) on our website.

Once filings are received, candidates up for election will be posted on our website. Check back often! Registration continues through August 21st!

STEP 3 - STAY IN THE KNOW

Keep an eye on the [2025 Election Calendar](#) for important dates! We'll also post election news on our [website](#).

August 21st: Candidate filing and voter registration deadline.

August 22nd: Notice of Election*

August 25th: Absentee voting begins! Cast your vote at Town Hall during business hours, or [request a ballot by mail](#).

September 19th: Absentee voting closes at noon.

September 20th: Election Day! Cast your vote at the Dewey Beach Lifesaving Station between 10:00am and 6:00pm.

**Three seats are up for election. If no more than three candidates file, there will be no commissioner election for 2025.*

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BRIEF

QUICK UPDATES YOU SHOULD KNOW!



Honoring Carol Everhart

President of the Rehoboth-Dewey Chamber of Commerce, Carol Everhart, recently announced her upcoming retirement. Thank you Carol for your service to the Town of Dewey Beach - cheers to the next chapter!



New Town Hall

Our new Town Hall/Public Safety building is coming along! Visit our website for updates on construction. Sponsorship opportunities are coming soon!

[Read more](#)



Blood Drive

The Dewey Beach Lions Club will host a Blood Drive on October 8th from 12p - 6p at their clubhouse on McKinley Avenue. Walk-ins are welcome, or schedule your appointment today!

[Read more](#)



Notice a marine mammal or sea turtle that may be in trouble or stranded? Call the MERR Institute at (302)228-5029. MERR will also respond to deceased marine life on the beach, carrying out important post-mortem studies that may help to save other animals in the future. [Click here for more information on MERR and how to support the organization.](#)

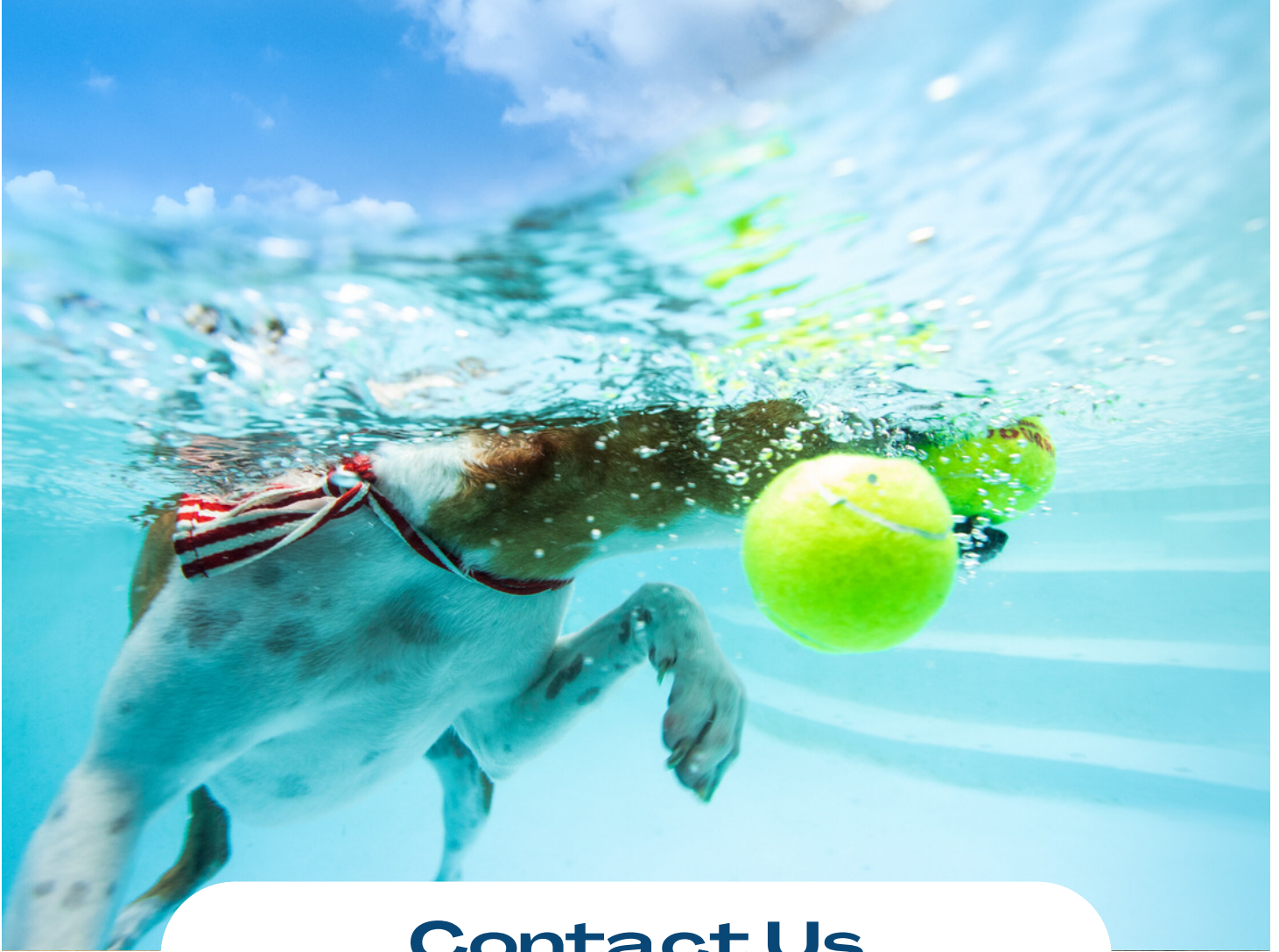
Are you registered on the [Dewey Beach Services Portal](#)?
Subscribe to newsletters, and register for alerts related to all things Dewey!

Upcoming Meetings

August 11th - Finance Committee Meeting
August 12th - Infrastructure Committee Meeting
August 14th - Audit Committee Meeting
August 15th - Town Council Meeting

[Learn More](#)





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