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# DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach



## Winter Wishes

As winter settles in, Dewey Beach takes on a special kind of coastal charm. The quieter streets, crisp ocean air, and peaceful shoreline remind us of the simple beauty that surrounds us year-round. As we celebrate the holidays and look ahead to a new year, we're grateful for the strong, caring community that makes Dewey Beach feel like home. Wishing everyone a joyful season and a bright start to the year ahead!



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# TOWN MANAGER'S

# Update

December is a month to spend some time with family and friends, reflect on the last year and look forward to the next!

As the cold weather has arrived in Dewey Beach, I want to remind folks to make sure you leave your heat on enough to keep those pipes from freezing (typically between 55°F and 60°F). Every winter we have homes in Dewey with water leaks due to burst pipes. Go to our town webpage and sign up for our Property Watch program in case we do need to contact you during the off season.

I want to thank everyone for your patience during the State's repaving project. The project should be completed by December 9th, depending on the weather. If you should have any questions about the paving, please contact Dustin Fisher at [dustin.fisher@allanmyers.com](mailto:dustin.fisher@allanmyers.com) or (610) 425-8071.

The Town will repaint all driveway markings this spring. Again, if you would like your driveway marking changed, please contact us.

Work on the new Town Hall continues to move forward with the interior walls and roof being constructed.

Work on the center island at RT 1 and Read Avenue from a recent car accident will start on December 8-9th depending on the weather.

A couple of reminders:

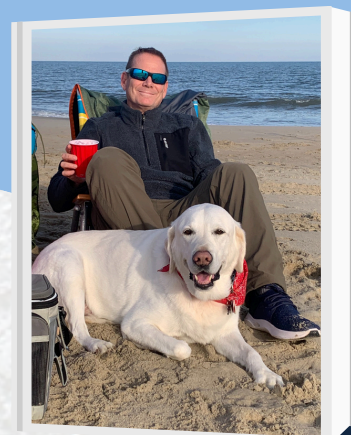
- If you have stopped your trash pick-up with Casella, the public trash cans are NOT for your household trash. Take your trash home!
- Please DO NOT plant or put anything in the town right-of-way without contacting the Town first. Items in the town right of way will be removed.
- See page 7 for information on the Holiday Tree Lighting and Menorah Lighting. We hope to see you there!

I'd like to thank all the committee members and chairs for their hard work and dedication to the Town this past year! Many thanks to Dewey in Bloom for keeping the Town beautiful all year long. Thank you also to the property and business owners for their support over the past year.

Lastly, I want to thank our Town staff for all of their hard work and dedication to the town, making Dewey Beach the best little beach town in the country!

I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday and Merry Christmas!

-Bill



# The Perfect HOLIDAY GIFT



## FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING...

Give the gift of a commemorative brick for the new Dewey Beach Town Hall in honor of someone special. It's a meaningful, personalized way to celebrate a loved one who "has everything," while also supporting a project that will serve the entire community for generations. An engraved brick becomes a permanent part of the town's landscape and a lasting reminder of your appreciation, love, or gratitude. It's thoughtful, unique, and truly unforgettable - the perfect gift with impact.

## INSCRIPTION IDEAS

- Business Names
- Anniversaries
- In Memory
- Pet Names
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Musical Groups/Bands
- Beach House Names
- School/Alumni Groups
- Neighbor Groups

At a loss for words? We love the idea of a fun beach-themed message to all visitors of Dewey Beach!

SHOP NOW



**302-227-1110**

# WE'RE HIRING



## *Seasonal Police Officers* 2026

**PAID  
TRAINING**

**PAY STARTING AT  
\$19.00/HR**

**DEPARTMENT ISSUED  
UNIFORMS**

**Accepting  
applications  
until:  
03/13/2026**

**Academy  
begins on  
April 11, 2026  
Online training to  
begin prior to  
Academy**



**APPLY HERE**

THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH IS AN  
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



**105 RODNEY AVE., DEWEY BEACH, DE 19971**



**[HTTPS://WWW.DEWEYBEACHPOLICE.GOV/](https://www.deweybeachpolice.gov/)**



# MAKE WAVES. SAVE LIVES.

## JOIN THE DEWEY BEACH PATROL

Spend your summer on the sand, in the sun, and making a difference! Be a part of a skilled team dedicated to keeping our beaches safe. Competitive pay, training provided, and unforgettable experiences await!

**JOIN NOW**



**TOWNOFDEWEYBEACH.GOV**

AN INITIATIVE FROM  
THE DEWEY BEACH MARKETING COMMITTEE

# Neighbor Network

Help keep our community connected and informed by serving as a Neighbor Network Captain! It's a simple way to make a meaningful difference, and strengthen the Dewey Beach spirit we all love.



LEARN MORE

# what's happening

don't miss these activities in and around dewey!



**DEC 6<sup>TH</sup>**

**Bay Walk Tree Lighting 5:00pm**



**DEC 14<sup>TH</sup>**

**Bay Walk Menorah Lighting**



**DEC 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**NYE Dewey Crush Drop**



## **Book a Bonfire**

Private bonfires are available for booking year-round here in Dewey!

## **Winter Gala**

January 21<sup>st</sup> is a night of glitz, music, dancing and community spirit!

## **Dewey Dunk**

Ring in the New Year with an icy plunge into the ocean on January 1st!

## **Holiday Events**

Experience the magic of the season by the shore! From festive parades and dazzling lights to cozy seaside shops and special holiday events, the Delaware beaches offer the perfect blend of coastal charm and holiday cheer! Plan your visit today!

# RING IN THE NEW YEAR

# 2026

## DEWEY STYLE

### Dewey Crush Drop

December 31st

11:30pm

New Orleans St & Coastal Hwy

Save yourself the trip to Times Square and join us for an orange crush drop right here in Dewey Beach! Beverages and party favors will be available at this free event!

### The Dewey Dunk

January 1st

11:30am

Dagsworthy St Beach

Wash away 2025 and start fresh with a dunk in the ice cold ocean on New Year's Day! DJ, bonfire and fun beach party provided! Beverages and swag will be available too! \$20 donation requested from dunkers 21 and over, \$15 for those under 21.

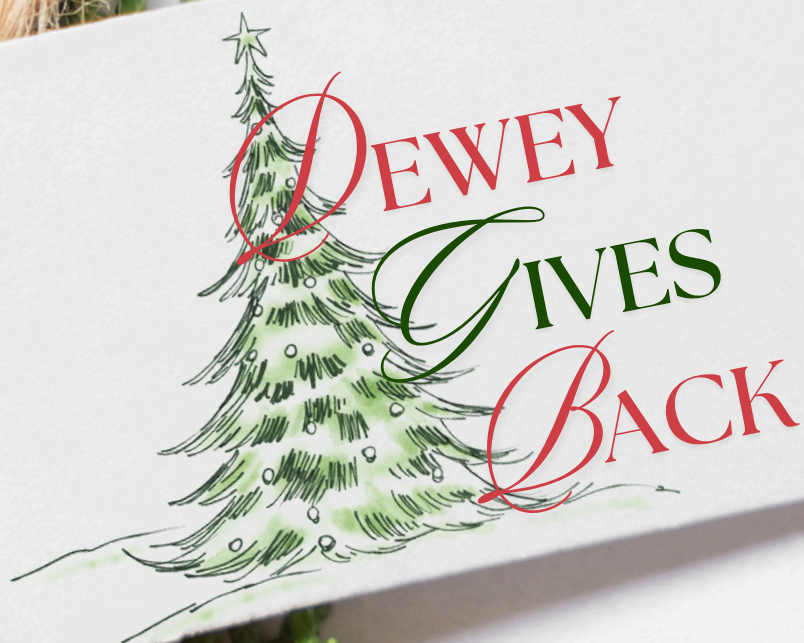
### New Years Eve Parties

Your favorite Dewey restaurants are excited to welcome you for the holiday! A variety of our local businesses will be hosting incredible parties complete with live music, food and beverages. These events often require a ticket, and they do sell out! Be sure to check with your favorite Dewey businesses to see what events they have planned for NYE, and get your tickets today!

### SAFETY & REGULATIONS

The goal of town staff is to welcome all of our visitors, protect the public, and ensure safe travel back to their destination at the end of the evening. Safety is a shared responsibility.

- Start 2026 off right! Have a travel plan, and stick to it. At the time of publishing, rideshare promo codes have not yet been released. We recommend keeping an eye on [Lyft](#) and [Uber](#), as NYE promo codes are sometimes offered. Don't forget you can schedule ahead with rideshare companies. Reserve your ride today.
- Local hotels and residential rentals have great rates in the off-season. Don't drive... stay with us! There's nothing better than waking up at the beach.
- Dewey Beach maintains a [curfew](#) for minors year round. Persons under the age of 18 must be off the street by 11:00pm each evening. While we pride ourselves on being a family-friendly destination, in the late evening hours, most businesses cater to crowds 21 and over. For the safety of our younger visitors, parents should ensure their children are at their home or rental by 11:00pm.
- The Dewey Beach Police will be out and about throughout New Years Eve and New Years Day. We're here to keep you safe! If you see suspicious behavior or require assistance, please call 911 or alert an officer directly.
- As always, while you're here, you're a member of the Dewey Beach family. Look out for one another. If you notice a person that may require assistance, confront them, and ask if they need help. Recruit support from business employees or police when necessary.



# Stuff-a-Truck



*In Partnership with  
Rehoboth Beach  
Volunteer Fire  
Company*

We're proud to partner with the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company for their heartwarming Stuff-a-Truck campaign! This holiday season, help us fill an ambulance with new, unwrapped toys that will bring smiles to children in the Cape Henlopen School District.

From now through early December, we're collecting donations to support local families and make the season brighter for kids in our community. Then, don't miss the magic at the Rehoboth Beach Christmas Parade, where you can see the RBVFC ambulance packed to the brim with your generous gifts!

Let's come together to stuff that truck — and spread holiday cheer, one toy at a time.

New, unwrapped toys of all types are accepted, for all age ranges!

This November, the Dewey Beach Police officers are once again putting down their razors and picking up generosity! As part of No Shave November, officers pledge donations to skip shaving, with all funds going toward the Stuff-a-Truck campaign. The money raised will help purchase toys for local children in need this holiday season.

Drop off gifts at Town Hall (105 Rodney Ave) anytime before **December 23rd**.

**SCAN TO DONATE A  
CASH GIFT**



# Gifts for Paws



*In Partnership with  
Humane  
Animal  
Partners*

Dewey is a dog-friendly town! With so many animal lovers in our area, it's fitting for us to join Humane Animal Partners in providing for pets in need this holiday season.

During the winter months, shelter animals must spend more time indoors. To combat boredom and depression, enrichment activities are crucial. Our goal is to help provide enrichment toys to our local shelter. Unsure how to choose this type of toy? Check out the wish lists below!

Humane Animal Partners also maintains a "want list" of items that are always appreciated, such as cat litter, canned cat food, canned pumpkin, and cleaning supplies. These are items that are easy to find at your nearest grocery store. We encourage you to pick up a couple of these items to donate at your next shopping trip. Even small donations are greatly appreciated!

## Wish Lists



**HAP Rehoboth Beach**



**HAP Stanton/Christiana**



**HAP Wilmington**



**Pet Food Pantry**

Please consider shopping the lists for the Stanton/Christiana and Wilmington locations. These shelters house 300+ animals and have the greatest need.

**MERRY**  
**CHRISTMAS**  
**AND**  
**HAPPY**  
**NEW YEAR**



**FROM THE**  
**DEWEY BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT**

# db news

## BRIEF

### QUICK UPDATES YOU SHOULD KNOW!



#### Code Red

Are you registered for emergency alerts from Dewey Beach? Sign up for Code Red today! Be the first to know about road closures, severe weather, and more. Sign up is free, and open to all.

**TEXT "DEWEY"  
TO 24639 to  
REGISTER**



#### Winter Weather

What does winter have in store this year for Dewey? We've experienced significant snowfall in both 2024 and 2025! Are you prepared for winter weather at the beach?

**Read more**



#### Trash Talk

Questions or concerns about your trash service? For the quickest service, contact the Millsboro office directly at (302)934-1364, or email [deweybeachtrashhotline@casella.com](mailto:deweybeachtrashhotline@casella.com).

**Read more**



### Good News



Bonnie McCarthy, known to her Dewey Beach neighbors as Bayside Bonnie, turned 105 Nov. 16. She celebrated at Starboard Claw with several of her friends and neighbors, including Mayor Bill Stevens, and her loved ones, including three of her four daughters and several granddaughters. Earlier in the year, she attended her first Bottle & Cork jam session.

[Read More Here](#)

*Credit: Ellen McIntyre, Cape Gazette*

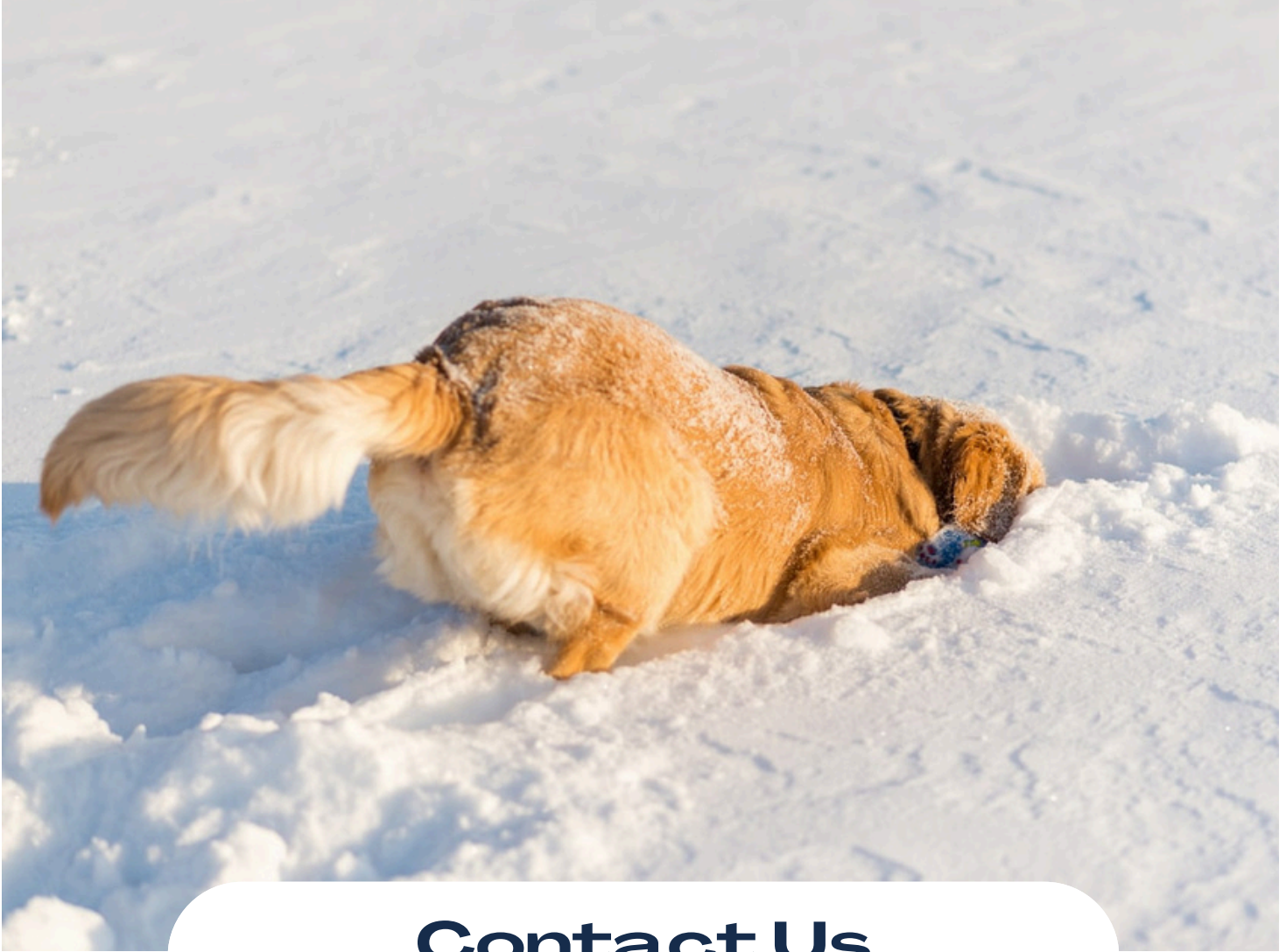
***Are you registered on the Dewey Beach Services Portal?  
Subscribe to newsletters, and register for alerts related to all things Dewey!***

### Upcoming Meetings

December 8<sup>th</sup> – Finance Workshop  
December 15<sup>th</sup> – Planning Commission  
December 17<sup>th</sup> – Board of Adjustment  
December 19<sup>th</sup> – Town Council  
January 6<sup>th</sup> – Marketing Committee

**Learn More**





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