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# DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach

## Sweet Summertime

We're sinking our feet into the sand, listening to the waves roll by, and soaking up every minute of these long summer days! Here in Dewey, we celebrate all of the things that bring people together. We like to think that a hot summer night under the stars, enjoying a spectacular 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show is the perfect time for old friends and new to join together - we can't wait to see you there!

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# TOWN MANAGER'S

*Update*

As we get ready to celebrate our nation's birth on July 4<sup>th</sup> with family and friends, please take a moment to remember those who have sacrificed so much to give us our freedoms - members of the armed forces serving around the world in hostile environments, our police, and our emergency responders. We owe them all debt of gratitude as we celebrate the 4th in Dewey Beach !

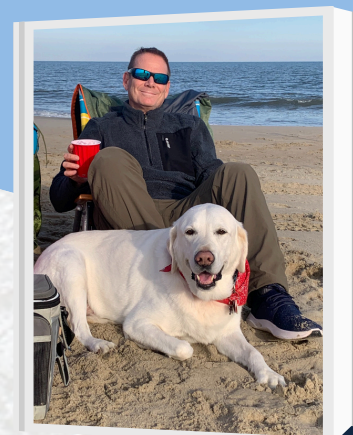
I want to thank our police, lifeguards, maintenance team, parking and dog ambassadors, and administrative staff that have been doing a great job this summer. They are providing service to you 24 hours a day to keep you safe, keep the town running, and to keep the town clean.

Just a few things to be aware of:

- The town will be providing port-o-potties on the bayside at the end of Bellevue, Dagsworthy, McKinley, Read, and Rodney streets for the folks watching the fireworks on the 4th of July.
- We have received several calls about the flag at the Lifesaving Station not being at full staff. The flagpole pulley mechanism is currently broken. The town will be renting a bucket truck in an attempt to fix the problem as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience.
- Our beach is in great shape this summer. To help keep it enjoyable for all, please remember, no glass, no smoking, no loud music, and no tents. Also, we continue to receive complaints about dog waste on the beach and dog waste in bags left on the beach. Please clean up after your dog and remind others to do so!

Have a great 4<sup>th</sup> of July !

*-Bill*



# 4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS



## PRO TIPS

Parking in town is exceptionally difficult on July 4th! Arrive early if you are driving in. Consider using the DART Beach Bus or the Jolly Trolley to avoid having to park.

Expect heavy traffic at dusk and continuing after the fireworks show has concluded. Arrive early, and don't try to rush out of town afterwards! Enjoy the local restaurants and shops before and after the show.

Secure your pets in a safe place indoors, and close windows to dampen the noise. Animals may panic from the sound of fireworks.

## WHO

Highway One Companies will once again sponsor the Dewey Beach fireworks spectacular! Thank you to Highway One!

The bayside 4th of July fireworks show has proven to be one of the best in our area every year! This family-friendly event is a must-see!

## WHAT

**WHEN** Friday, July 4th at 9:00pm

Fireworks will be set off from a barge on the bay in the vicinity of McKinley Ave. The show is visible in all of Dewey Beach!

## WHERE



# 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 9th, 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.



# canoe races

*Get your paddles ready, and put your game face on! One of Dewey's favorite competitions is back on July 15th!*



## Service Industry vs. Vacationers?

Historically, our local restaurant workers make up the majority of the canoe race teams! This annual competition is no joke for the locals! But, you can never predict who may show up ready to surprise the veteran teams. In 2024, the O'Donnells, a family of four, managed to come out on top after a tense race!

[Learn More](#)



## Think You Have What It Takes?

Do you have a team of two guys and two girls over the age of 18? The Dewey Business Partnership is looking for you! Join us for some sun and fun on the Bay Beach on July 15<sup>th</sup> – newcomers are always welcome! Unable to compete? This is still an event that shouldn't be missed! Come and see who makes it past the finish line, and who ends up under the Rudder dock (trust us, it's happened more than once).

[Sign Me Up](#)

# Snow IN JULY

## Yes. Really. Hear us out.

We like to say that great summers are made in the off-season. Similarly, the best cold weather preparation is done before winter ever arrives. At the May and June monthly Town Council meetings, our commissioners discussed a draft ordinance related to snow removal from sidewalks on Coastal Highway. Currently, the town requests that property owners clear snow from sidewalks that border their property after a storm. When sidewalks aren't cleared, pedestrians are forced to walk in the roadway, which presents a major safety hazard. The beginning of 2025 brought heavy snowfall to our area. Before "snowmageddon" strikes again, we're working to assess how sidewalks should be handled when it comes to clearing snow – and we'd like to hear from you!



Are you a Dewey Beach property owner? We'd like to hear your thoughts on snow removal options.

POLL

# Beyond

## THE STANDS

### DBP COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

#### JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM

Do you know a child or teen interested in becoming a lifeguard? The DBP Junior Lifeguard Program is perfect for kids who love the beach, physical activity, helping others, and learning more about our coastal environment.

This fun and educational program is geared towards ages 6 - 16. Participants are provided with instruction from the Dewey Beach Lifeguard Captain, as well as veteran members of the patrol and EMS in lifesaving history, lifeguard qualification and training, health, fitness, and safety, the marine environment, water surveillance, rescue equipment, weather hazards, the surf beach, and more!

Upon completion of the program, participants receive official membership in the USLA. Official Dewey Beach Patrol shorts and logo t-shirts are provided. Participants must meet certain criteria outlined on our website. [Click here](#) for more information and registration!

#### YOUTH RECREATION

Join the local heroes of the DBP for Youth Recreation every evening on the beach at Dagsworthy Avenue!

A variety of equipment and activities will be provided, including but not limited to t-ball, whiffle ball, rubber horseshoes, beanbag toss, ring toss, tetherball, STX lacrosse (no contact), rubber footballs, soccer, basketball and volleyball.

The Dewey Beach Lifeguards will provide supervision of the recreation areas, basic skill instruction as needed or requested, and officiating of team activities.

This is a great opportunity to hang out with the DBP, enjoy the beach, make new friends, and learn new skills. No registration required, and participation is free! [Click here](#) for more information!

*The fun begins  
July 1st!*

# Where the Fun Never Ends!

DEWEY BEACH HOSTS A VARIETY OF EVENTS ALL YEAR LONG!



## Monday Night Movies

Movies on the beach return on June 16th! Join us for free family-friendly movies every Monday this summer. We can't wait to see you there!

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## Wednesday Night Bonfires

Free community bonfires begin June 18th! This is a great opportunity to meet new friends while on vacation!

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## Summer Events

The Rehoboth-Dewey Chamber of Commerce will keep you in the loop of what's happening in and around Dewey this summer!

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## Dewey Business Partnership

For all events that are uniquely Dewey, look no further than the Dewey Business Partnership!

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# 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.*



# EVERY DROP COUNTS

## *Water Conservation Efforts*

### Water is precious, don't waste it!

To conserve water and help “flatten” demand for water at peak times, the City of Rehoboth Beach is limiting irrigation of city properties to three days a week and decreasing the watering time. We're asking our customers, too, to be mindful and practice water-saving strategies, especially during summer months.

The City of Rehoboth Beach is asking its water customers to irrigate on the following schedule:

- Homes and businesses with **even-numbered addresses** water on **Monday, Wednesday, Friday**.
- Those with **odd-numbered addresses** irrigate on **Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday**.

Please consider reducing the amount of time your irrigation system runs and shut off your irrigation system if it has rained in recent days. Your landscape company may be able to assist you.

*Thanks for helping us conserve one of our  
most precious resources.*



Here are a few other simple steps you can take to conserve water:

- **Shorten your showers:** A few minutes less in the shower can save a significant amount of water.
- **Fix any leaks:** Check for drips in pipes and faucets and repair them quickly.
- **Turn off the tap:** Don't let water run needlessly when brushing your teeth or washing dishes.
- **Use water-efficient appliances:** Consider installing low-flow showerheads, toilets, and faucets.

In early July of 2024, the City of Rehoboth Beach experienced significant strain on their water system due to a variety of factors, including increased visitors during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. In an attempt to get ahead of this issue for 2025, the City sent the postcard pictured above to properties served by the Rehoboth Beach water system, including those outside of city limits.

In an effort to support our neighbor to the north, Rehoboth Beach, we're sharing this information, and requesting that everyone help “flatten the demand” for water at peak times by also adhering to the tips provided above.

# NEWS

## BRIEF

### NEW TOWN HALL INFO PAGE

We've broken ground! Construction on the new Town Hall at 1505 Coastal Highway is underway. Stop by our Town Hall [project website](#) for updates. Sponsorship opportunities, including a Brick Campaign for the walkway, as well as a Donor Wall for the town meeting room, will be announced soon.

### RBVH URGENT CARE

Rehoboth Beach Veterinary Hospital has introduced a new urgent care check-in system for pet emergencies. Access the online waiting room as early as 6am. The veterinary team will review and triage cases at 8am, and begin care at 8:30am. You can track your spot in line right from your phone. To learn more about the urgent care check-in system, visit the RBVH [website](#). Many thanks to RBVH for providing crucial emergency care for pets in our area!

### UPCOMING MEETINGS

July 18<sup>th</sup> - Town Council Meeting  
August 15<sup>th</sup> - Town Council Meeting

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### GET INVOLVED!

The Dewey Beach Civic League is looking for new members! This is a great forum for residents and property owners to exchange ideas and learn how to both preserve and improve the town we love. Visit the Dewey Beach Civic League [webpage](#) for more information.



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