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# DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach



## Salty, Sandy Paradise

June is here and there's nothing we'd rather do than enjoy a walk down the beach looking for treasures in the sand! Thankfully there's plenty of summer to enjoy, and we're just getting started! We're welcoming back the Dewey Beach Patrol, taking the one mile bloom walk to celebrate Dewey in Bloom, and sharing the latest updates, including what you need to know about pedestrian safety, and how to vote in this year's town election!

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# TOWN MANAGER'S

# Update

Dewey Beach is such a special place. As the summer season has officially arrived, I want everyone to enjoy Dewey Beach, and keep it clean! Here are a couple of reminders:

- We want all of our visitors and property owners to enjoy Dewey Beach, so when crossing RT 1 please use the crosswalks - no jaywalking - and drivers please stop for pedestrians in the crosswalks. See more safety information on page 3.
- If you plan on doing any business or paid activities on our beach, you must obtain approval from the town and purchase a Town of Dewey Beach business license.
- New for this summer! Camping tents, privacy/potty tents or similar enclosed structures are prohibited on the beach. Baby tents measuring 36" square may be used. Canopies are also permitted, but may not be set up and left unattended before 9:00am. The lifeguards also have handouts explaining the rules.
- The town has employees coming in on the weekends to help clean up trash around town, but we could use some help from all of the business owners, property owners, and visitors. Business owners, please clean up around your property daily!

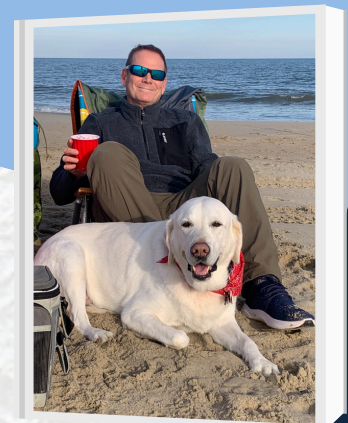
Construction of the new Town Hall and Public Safety Building continues with parts of the foundation being poured this week and next. Work to install a new storm drain in front of the Surf Rider and Woody's should be finished this week. Landscaping in the center island is complete, and the town has started watering those areas. The police have been doing an outstanding job handling complaints from this summer's influx of "June Bugs". They are also reminding them of Dewey Beach's 11pm curfew for those under the age of 18yrs.

This past winter during our two snowstorms, our maintenance team did a great job plowing the snow and keeping the streets of Dewey clear. The clearing of the snow on the streets must be done so folks have the ability to exit/enter their property, and to allow emergency vehicles access when necessary. This is an ongoing task removing snow, depending on how much snow we get and how long the storm lasts. We can start in the north end of town at Chesapeake Street, and by the time we get to the south end of town on Collins Ave, Chesapeake is covered again! One thing that would help would be if the property owners along RT 1 would be responsible for removing the snow on the sidewalks which border their property. This is a common practice in many towns across our state. This subject will be discussed at the Commissioners' meeting on June 20th.

I'd like to thank the Dewey Beach Civic League for their \$2,000.00 donation for the mulch on the center island. I'd also like to give thanks to Mario Giovannini for his tireless efforts keeping our town clean. THANK YOU Civic League and Mario!

Enjoy the day, and let's keep Dewey Beach clean!

*-Bill*



# Pedestrian Safety

Dewey Beach isn't just a vacation destination - it's a major thruway for traffic headed to enjoy other areas of our coast. For a pedestrian-heavy town like Dewey, this makes public safety an uphill battle for not just town staff, but state agencies as well. Curb bump-outs, electric signage, crossing beacons and crosswalk markings certainly help, but we also remain committed to educating our visitors on what you can do to keep yourself and your family safe while enjoying Dewey Beach.



## Caution in Crosswalks

While state law requires drivers to yield to pedestrians *in* a crosswalk, this doesn't mean that you should cross the street without regard for oncoming traffic. Never assume that drivers will see you, or that they will stop. Hit the button on the crosswalk beacon, and wait until traffic is stopped in both lanes before you step onto the roadway. Like it or not - it is legal for cars to proceed through the crosswalk when the lights are flashing, *provided* no one is on the roadway - therefore, do not assume vehicles will stop for the flashing yellow lights.



## Dewey Beach Police

In June of 2024, Dewey Beach Police performed 418 hours of traffic enforcement, while also answering 955 calls for service. The summer season keeps our PD extremely busy! If you spend any length of time in Dewey Beach, you're aware that our PD maintains a very strong presence throughout town, 24/7. In addition to continued traffic enforcement, the PD will also be ticketing for jaywalking, in an attempt to dissuade pedestrians from darting across the highway. Please cross the street only at the crosswalks.



## Your Safety is Paramount

Thousands of vehicles pass through Dewey Beach every day. Ideally, we could hold every unsafe driver accountable - it just simply isn't feasible. While the 25mph speed limit and warning signage are helpful, we can't guarantee the diligence of every driver. This is why we focus so much of our efforts on our "Dewey Beach Family" - those that live or vacation here, who we can properly advise on how to take control of their own safety, and ensure their time in Dewey Beach is memorable for all the right reasons.



# the 1 mile bloom walk

thank you to this  
year's volunteers and  
sponsors:

1. Jersey St. Neighbors
2. Goodman Gable Gould Company
3. West St. Neighbors
4. Bobbie Redefer & Family
5. Alan & Amy Meltzer
6. Dewey Beach Civic League
7. The Starboard
8. Shari & Harvey Goodman
9. Vavala's Beach Things
10. Mr. Wash
11. Debbie & Steven Robins
12. Bottle & Cork
13. Block Party Hotels
14. Lions Club
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17. Lions Club
18. Read Ave Neighbors
19. Jeff & Sandra Smith
20. Mr. Wash
21. Grotto Pizza
22. Barbara Rabin
23. Hotel Dewey
24. Goldleaf Hotel
25. Bruce & Ellen Pearlman
26. Diane Hanson
27. The Cove
28. Anchor Way Neighbors
29. Carin Patterson





# Welcome Back!

## THE DEWEY BEACH PATROL RETURNS TO THE STANDS

### ABOUT THE DBP

Since 1981, the Dewey Beach Patrol has been maintaining the safety of the shores of Dewey Beach. Under the direction of Captain Todd Fritchman and Lieutenants Mike Thompson, Hank Coveleski, Liam Zolper, Michael Portmann, Ben Sala, and Jason Kaiser the lifeguards of Dewey Beach have saved hundreds of lives, and helped thousands of beachgoers have safe and enjoyable summers. Since 2000, the patrol has recovered over 774 lost children, and responded to more than 1000 major medical emergencies, including cardiac arrest patients.

In order to maintain high standards and outstanding performance, the lifeguards of Dewey Beach, led by Section Lieutenants Ben Sala and Jason Kaiser, must undergo rigorous physical training and educational coursework. The Dewey Beach Patrol is nationally accredited by the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) to certify its members in open water rescue. This means a great deal of hard work for all of those lifeguards involved. Each guard is certified in First Responder Response, as well as open water rescue techniques, and must have at least thirty hours of physical training. All of this training keeps the Dewey Beach lifeguards in peak physical condition, and prepared for any emergency that may arise around the ocean or bay.

**DONATE  
NOW**

### WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Fundraising efforts for the Dewey Beach Patrol are ongoing! Your donations help to offset costs associated with Beach Patrol expenses, including the purchase and maintenance of essential life-saving equipment and supplies. Additionally, each year during the month of August, members of the Beach Patrol travel to the USLA National Lifeguard Championships, where they will compete against lifeguards from across the United States in a variety of athletic competitions and rescue simulations.

# 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!

[READ MORE](#) 



## Wednesday Night Bonfires

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

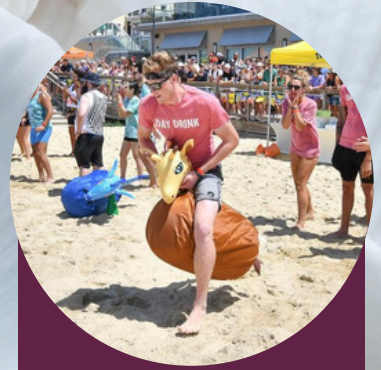
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## Summer Events

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!

[READ MORE](#) 

# 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.*



# NEWS BRIEF

## DELDOT WORK SCHEDULE

DeIDOT will continue working on projects in town through the month of June. This schedule is subject to change, depending on weather conditions:

- Drainage Revision & Concrete near The Little Store - June 9-12 from 8:00p - 6:00a
- Curb Painting - June 16-17, daytime working hours

## TRASH IN RIGHT-OF-WAY

A reminder to property owners - please do not leave furniture in the town right-of-way.

There have been a number of items left with signs marked “free” that sit on town property for extended periods of time. Please utilize another method of advertising free goods. The town trash provider will also pick up large items for a nominal fee. Please call Casella (302) 772-6925 to schedule a pickup.

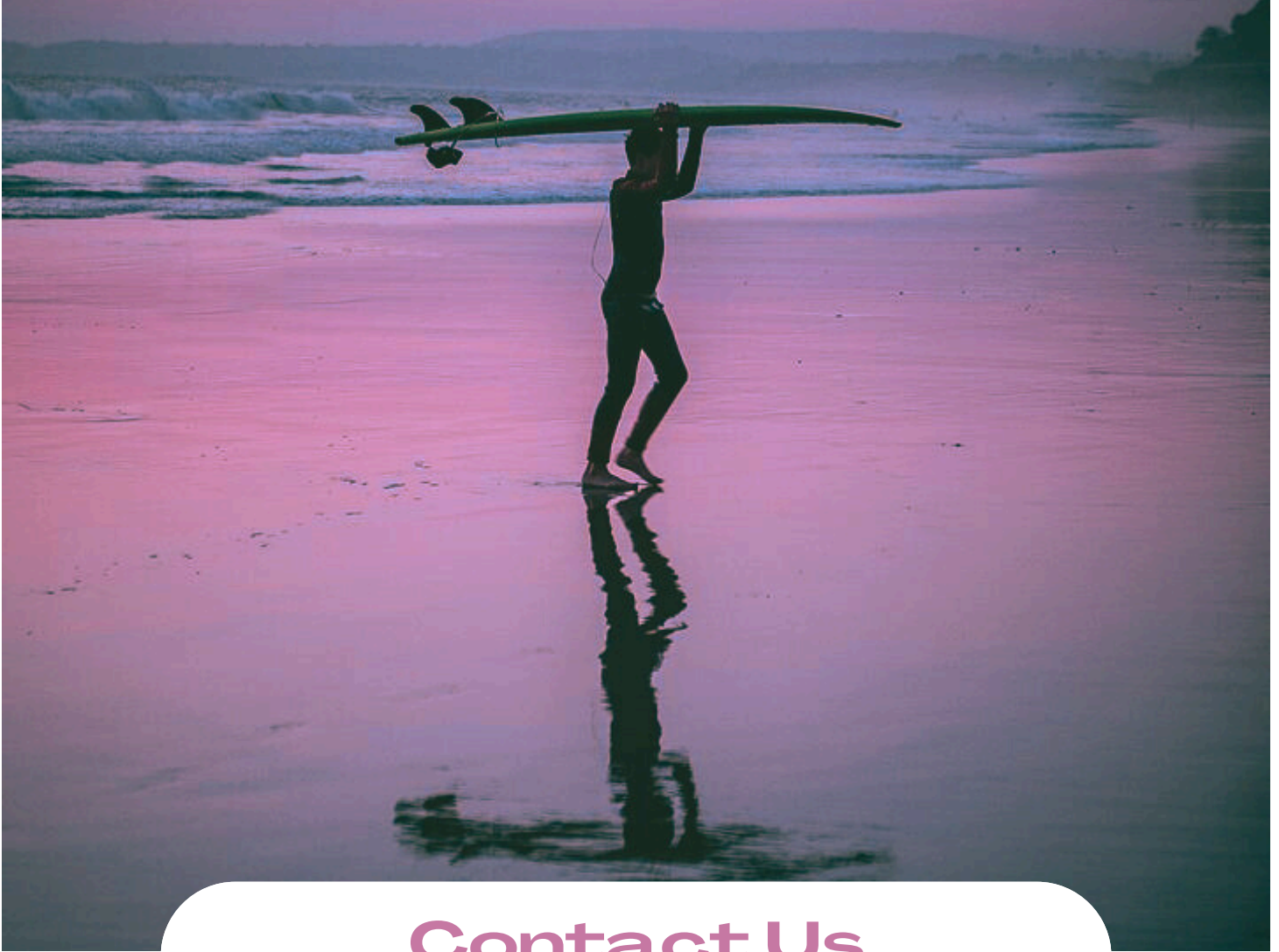
## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- June 20<sup>th</sup> - Town Council
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> - Climate Change Committee Meeting

[LEARN MORE](#)

## 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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