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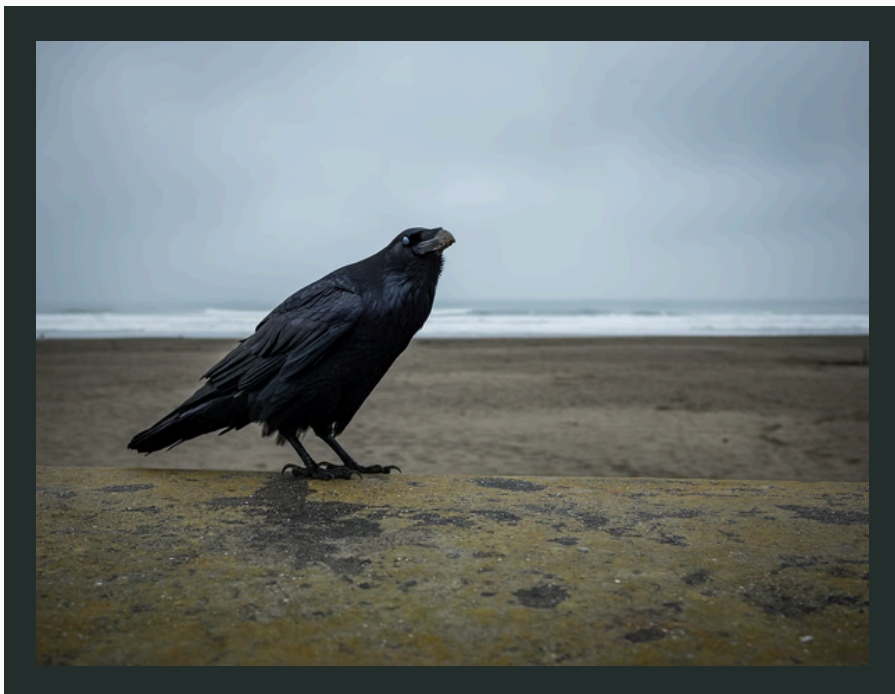
DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach



Boo by the Beach

Fall has arrived, and Dewey Beach is brimming with crisp ocean breezes and autumn charm! October brings a festive mix of golden sunsets, cozy coastal walks, and plenty of spooktacular fun. From Halloween-themed events to family-friendly activities and seasonal specials at local businesses, it's the perfect time to experience Dewey's vibrant off-season energy. Whether you're here for pumpkins and costumes or just to savor the quieter side of the beach, October is a month you won't want to miss in Dewey Beach!



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TOWN MANAGER'S

Update

Some say fall at the beach is the best time of year, and I would agree with that! The ocean is still warm, school is back in session, the crowds have thinned, and free parking is in effect. We have so many fall activities in Dewey Beach in October, from Dewey Goes Pink, Greyhounds Reach the Beach, and Trick or Treat/Haunted Dance Party to name a few. They are all highlighted in this month's newsletter.

Here are some updates and reminders:

DelDOT has scheduled the repaving of all state-owned streets in Dewey Beach at the end of October. They will start in the north end of town and work their way south. The repaving includes milling the old street, leveling, and repaving. Once completed, the Town will need to paint all fire hydrant areas, handicap parking spots, and driveway markings. When the Town receives the start date, we will provide a phone number and email address for DelDOT's contractor should you have any questions.

If you have a building project and you're not sure if you need a Dewey Beach Building Permit, please go to our town webpage under property owners and click on [building permit applications](#). More than half of the town is in a special flood zone, and work on your property, especially in this area, needs a permit.

The Town Hall building is moving along. The first-floor walls are up, and the pouring of the second floor should be this week. Hopefully we'll have the roof on around Thanksgiving.

In the Town right-of-way, please do not put landscaping, trees, bushes, or signs of any kind without pre-approval from the town. Items in the town right of way will be removed.

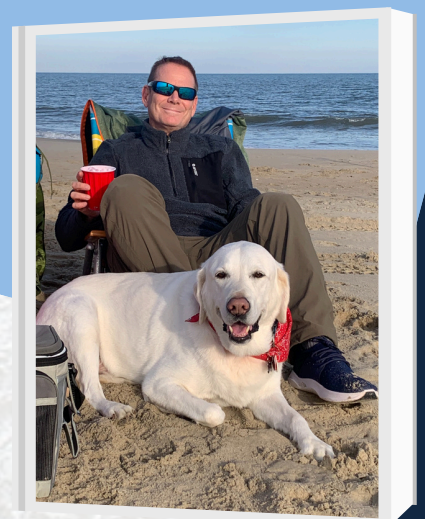
This summer marked the first season under the new ordinance prohibiting tents and unaccompanied canopies on the beach before 9 a.m. As with any new regulation, there is a learning curve. To help educate the public, the Town installed signs at every dune crossing and our lifeguards distributed informational cards. During the early part of each week between 8 and 9 a.m., unaccompanied canopies were tagged with warning notices to remind beachgoers of the ordinance. On average, about five tags were issued weekly from Chesapeake Street to Collins Avenue. Later in the week, the number of unaccompanied canopies dropped noticeably, averaging only one or two. Overall, for the first summer with this new policy, compliance was very encouraging. The canopy ordinance is expected to be discussed again at the October Commissioners' Meeting, and public comments are welcome.

On Saturday, November 1st from 4pm to 6:30pm in the Sunset Room at the Hyatt, the Dewey Beach Civic League and the Town of Dewey Beach will present "[A DEWEY HISTORY EVENT - 1962 to Present](#)" with cash bar and snacks. This will be an informative and engaging event, featuring presentations from Dewey Beach locals sharing stories and memorable moments from our town's history. Seats are limited, so arrive early!

See you around town.

Enjoy the Fall,

-Bill



annual SEAWITCH FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 24 - 26

RATED ONE OF THE TOP 10 FALL FESTIVALS NATIONWIDE BY USA TODAY!



REHOBOTH EVENTS

Our neighbor to the north, Rehoboth Beach, keeps the fun going all weekend long with parades, costume contests, vendors, family-friendly activities, games, and more!



TRICK-OR-TREAT

Enjoy trick-or-treating in Dewey Beach on Friday, October 24th from 6:30pm - 7:30pm. Your favorite Dewey businesses will be serving up the treats! All are welcome!



BAY BEACH FUN

Activities abound on the Dickinson Bay Beach both Friday the 24th and Saturday the 25th! Enjoy the Haunted Graveyard, bonfire, DJ dance party and pop-up stage show, right on the beach!





HALLOWEEN

meet & greet



join the DBPD for fall events!

Dewey Beach Trick-or-Treat

Hotel Dewey
October 24th, 6:30p - 7:30p

Cops & Goblins

John West Park in Oceanview
October 25th, 1:00p - 4:00p

Trunk-or-Treat

Georgetown DMV
Date & Time TBD
Watch for updates [here](#)



Promote Our PARADISE

THE DEWEY BEACH MARKETING COMMITTEE

is ready for a fresh start with a new focus! The committee is dedicated to fostering a positive public image, strengthening connections with residents, visitors, and local businesses, and creating and promoting initiatives that generate revenue for the Town. We're looking for new members who would like to take an active role in the community!



**JOIN
NOW**



MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS & VISITORS

Engage with the community at town-sponsored and private events as a representative for Dewey! Help to educate and inform others while meeting new people!



BUILD PARTNERSHIPS

Work with local non-profit and volunteer organizations to strengthen key partnerships and bring your ideas to life!



COLLABORATE & CREATE

Brainstorm, plan, and execute ideas that promote the positive image of our town, and assist with content creation for public outreach!

PROPERTY OWNERS

Fall Reminders

Building Permits

Fall is a peak time for property owners to catch up on maintenance or renovations of their property. Either yourself, or your contractor must file a building permit for most jobs! If you're planning to complete work on your property this fall, file your permit application today to ensure you receive your permit before work begins.



Property Watch

Are you planning to be out of town for the off-season? Make sure we have up-to-date contact information by submitting a Property Watch form. If we're alerted to any issues related to your home, such as water leaks, storm damage, or suspicious activity, we'll be sure to contact you.

Accommodations Tax

Did you rent your property between April 1st and September 30th? Your accommodations tax payment is due by October 15th!

The accommodations tax rate is 3% of your gross proceeds derived from your rental.

We make it easy to submit your form, payment and receipts online here.

Do you have questions about the accommodations tax? Visit our website, or call us at (302) 227-6363.





BECOME A SPONSOR!

The Town of Dewey Beach is seeking community partners and sponsors to help bring our new Town Hall building to life. This modern, functional space will serve as the heart of town operations, community engagement, and public safety coordination. Sponsorship opportunities offer businesses and individuals the chance to support a lasting civic landmark while gaining recognition for their contribution to the future of Dewey Beach. Together, we can create a facility that reflects the pride, spirit, and needs of our vibrant community.

Learn More



To honor and recognize our sponsors, a donor wall will be created in the Town Meeting Room. This room will serve as the new hub for all Town Council and committee meetings, staff training and education, and much more. Our donor wall design will incorporate historical photos of Dewey Beach, important milestones and interesting facts about our town, while embodying the vibrant energy and culture of Dewey Beach. We would love to add your family or organization's name to this important piece of Dewey Beach history!



MAKE WAVES. SAVE LIVES.

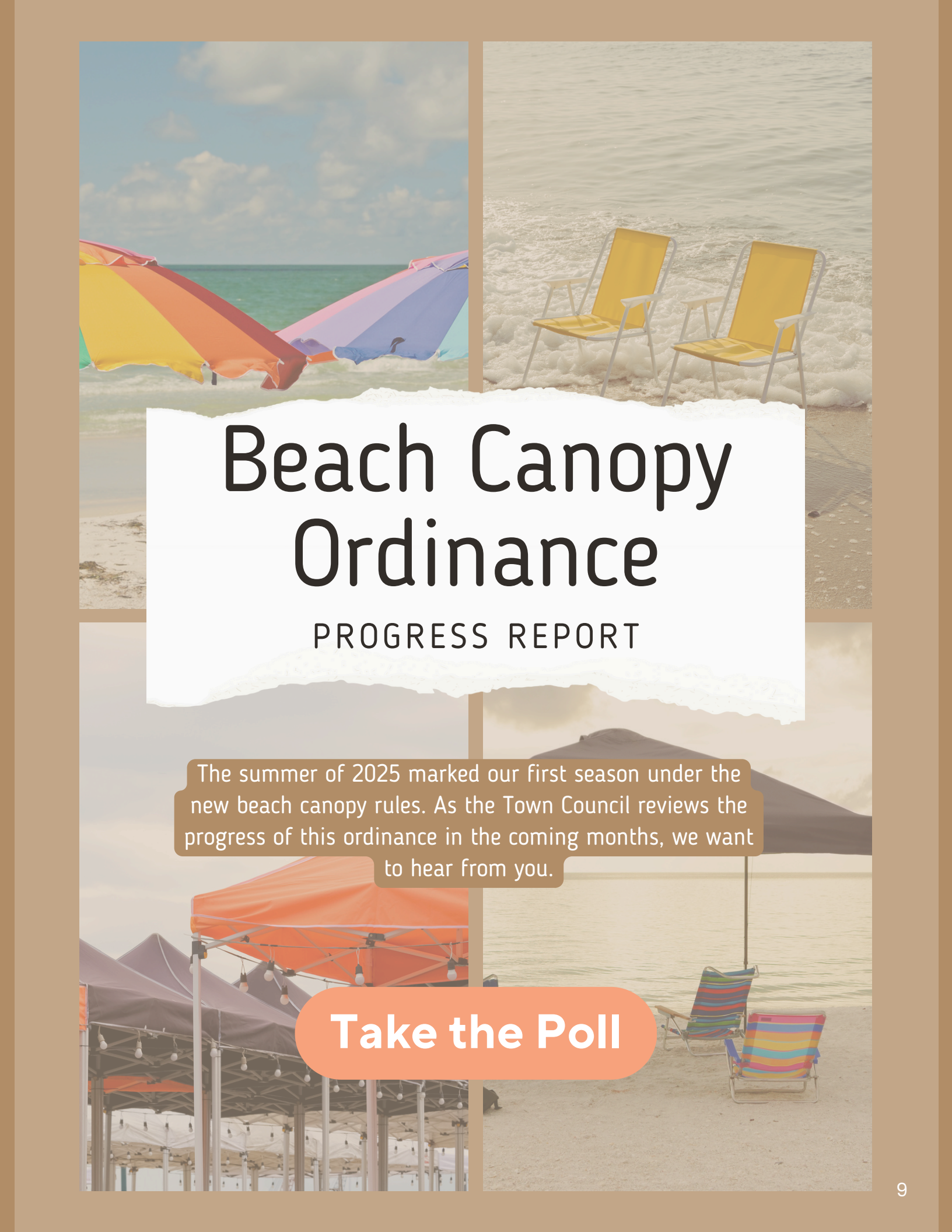
JOIN THE DEWEY BEACH PATROL

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



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Beach Canopy Ordinance

PROGRESS REPORT

The summer of 2025 marked our first season under the new beach canopy rules. As the Town Council reviews the progress of this ordinance in the coming months, we want to hear from you.

Take the Poll



fall 2025

keep dewey blooming

Fall is a great time to enjoy Dewey Beach, and we're doing our part to keep our town blooming for as long as possible! October 18th is our Fall Planting Day, and we'll be sprucing up our bloom boxes with colorful pansies to last throughout the colder season.

get involved

There are lots of ways to help support Dewey in Bloom! Many of our volunteers leave town for the off-season, and we can always use more help! Reach out if you're available to help on Fall Planting Day, or can help water plants throughout the off-season.

donate

We're always collecting donations in any amount to help continue our project! Donations are used for replacement flowers, soil, and gardening equipment. If you like what you see coming from Dewey in Bloom, support us here!

fall planting day

october 18

what's happening

don't miss these activities in and around dewey!



OCT 1ST - 31ST

Scarecrow Trail & Show



OCT 4TH

Dewey Goes Pink



OCT 24TH - 26TH

Seawitch Festival



Book a Bonfire

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

Greyhounds Reach the Beach

The greyhounds are back in Lewes, Rehoboth and Dewey Oct. 9-12th!

Tacomania

The ultimate taco and margarita competition! Sample, vote, and decide who takes home the crown on Oct 9th!

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!

db news

BRIEF

QUICK UPDATES YOU SHOULD KNOW!



Code Red

From severe weather and missing persons to road closures, stay informed with the alerts that matter—right when they happen. Signing up is quick, free, and easy.

[Read more](#)



New Town Hall

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

[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](#)



On September 26th, Commissioners Paul Bauer, Elisabeth Gibbings, and David Jasinski were sworn in to once again serve Dewey Beach for a two-year term. Commissioner Bauer was appointed as Council Secretary, and Bill Stevens was voted in as Mayor of Dewey Beach. Congratulations to all of our Council members - thank you for your continued service!

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

Upcoming Meetings

October 17 - Monthly Town Council Meeting
November 3 - Finance Committee Meeting
November 5 - Board of Adjustment Hearing
November 21 - Monthly Town Council Meeting

[Learn More](#)





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