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DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach



The Afterglow of Summer

September in Dewey Beach is pure magic—the crowds have thinned, the water is still warm, and sunsets linger just a little longer. It's the perfect time to soak in the afterglow of summer, stroll the shoreline, and enjoy the laid-back charm that makes this season so special.

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TOWN MANAGER'S

Update

It was another great summer in Dewey Beach! I want to thank our Police Department and Beach Patrol for keeping us safe this summer. They did an outstanding job! Our maintenance team did a great job keeping the town operating and clean through rain or shine.

I also want to thank everyone for their donations to the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company. This year with the town's match we raised almost \$20,000! The donation check will be presented to the Fire Chief at the End of Season Beach Party. A special thanks to one resident on the first block of West Street for their gracious donation of \$5,000.00! THANK YOU!

The new Town Hall and Police Station is moving along with walls being poured this week. Pending weather and material, we hope to have the roof on by Thanksgiving!

This fall and winter we would like to take the opportunity to work with property owners to improve the conditions and appearance of the dune entrances. If you would like to see two great examples of improving the dune entrances, please see Bellevue and West Streets. These projects were funded and maintained by property owners on these streets, in coordination with the town. They look great! If you are interested in discussing a dune entrance project on your street, please contact me at townmanager@townofdeweybeach.com.

Laura Ashby has been a strong proponent of AEDs and what they can do to save a life. Over the past 3 years, she has raised enough funding to donate over 10 AEDs to the police and lifeguards of Dewey Beach. One of those devices was used this summer by the lifeguards to save a life. Most recently working with the town and The Starboard, Laura was able to donate two AEDs which were placed at The Starboard and on the town bay walk at the Hyatt. Laura, thank you for your continuous hard work and providing lifesaving AED donations to the Town of Dewey Beach!

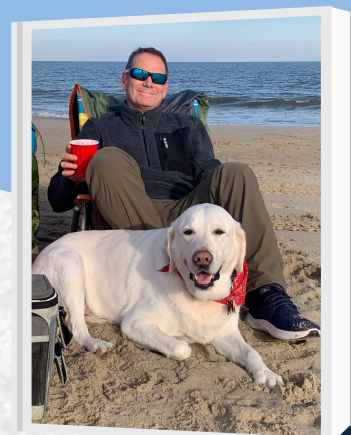
With hurricane season upon us, please review the [Hurricane Safety Information](#) on our website.

I hope you will join us this Saturday from 10am to noon on Van Dyke Street oceanside for our first ever Dewey Dog Day. There will be gifts, prizes, and merchandise for sale. Bring your four-legged friend and come on down!

I want to thank Cindy Souza for her continued generous donations of lunch and dinner gift cards to our parking ambassadors. They really appreciate your kindness. THANK YOU, Cindy!

Hope to see you at the End of Season Party!

-Bill



ELECTION NOTICE

NO ELECTION TO BE HELD IN 2025

The Town of Dewey Beach WILL NOT hold its Annual Municipal Election on Saturday, September 20, 2025.

No other persons except the (3) incumbents are on file for the (3) Commissioner seats. Therefore, it is determined by the Dewey Beach Board of Elections that it is not necessary to hold an election.

Pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Charter of the Town of Dewey Beach and certified by the Dewey Beach Board of Elections, the incumbent Commissioners Paul Bauer, Elisabeth Gibbings, and David Jasinski shall be deemed elected for a full two (2) year term each.

Congratulations to our commissioners, and thank you for once again volunteering your time and efforts to the Town of Dewey Beach.

GET INVOLVED!

In a resort town, great summers are made in the off-season! Fall and winter are often the busiest times for our boards and committees, as we take time to review our successes and challenges of the previous season and assess where change and improvement is needed.

We'll be keeping you updated via our newsletter, but also ask that you keep an eye on the [Town Meeting Calendar](#) to see what's up for discussion. New meetings are posted at least one week in advance, and could be added anytime depending on which topic needs review. Your voice is important, and we offer opportunities to join meetings either in person or virtually.



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!

DEWEY BEACH *Patrol*

SUMMER 2025 FAREWELL

The Dewey Beach Patrol is proud to announce that Senior Lieutenant Liam Zolper, a 9-year veteran of the Patrol, has been named 2025 Lifeguard of the Year. Elected by his peers, Zolper earned the honor for his exceptional service, leadership, and lifesaving efforts throughout the season. During his tenure, Zolper has played a vital role in safeguarding Dewey Beach. He has been directly responsible for multiple emergency medical responses and open-water rescues that have resulted in saving lives and preventing serious injury. In addition to his duties as a Senior Lieutenant, Zolper serves as the Junior Lifeguard Program Coordinator, mentoring the next generation of Dewey Beach lifeguards. A graduate of Cape Henlopen High School and Lynchburg University, Zolper works as a physical education teacher during the offseason. His dedication both on and off the beach has earned him the respect of his colleagues, who cited his exemplary leadership as a key reason for his selection.



Lifeguard of the Year Liam Zolper & Mayor Bill Stevens



Dewey Beach USLA Competition Team



LOTY Runner Up Chris Conaway & Town Manager Bill Zolper



USLA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS



National Championship Winner

Sussex County

Mens Beach Flags

CJ Fritchman - 1st

Austin Rhue - 6th

Wilson Ingerski - 16th

Rescue Race

Mary Kate Keegan - 15th

Mens Beach Flags 30-34

Steve Hagen - 1st

Womens Beach Flags

Lulu Rishko - 11th

Open 90 Meter Sprint

Mack Leonhart - 5th

Mens 4x90 Sprint

Kyle Green, Mack Leonhart, Vance Barbato, Wilson Ingerski - 2nd

Austin Rhue, CJ Fritchman, Hunter Jones, Kolbe Green - 3rd

Womens 4x90 Sprint

Hadley Rhue, Lulu Rishko, Ella Rishko, Carolyn (NBBP) - 4th

Run Swim Run

Mary Kate Keegan - 16th

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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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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

SCAN HERE

FREE EVENT
INCLUDING
FOOD & DRINKS



SEPT 20TH SATURDAY

11AM-3PM

LIONS CLUB

115 MCKINLEY ST.

DEWEY BEACH, DE 19971

Proud Partner

dbp DEWEY
BUSINESS
PARTNERSHIP

what's happening

don't miss these activities in and around dewey!



SEPT 13TH

**End of Season
Property Owners Beach Party**



SEPT 13TH

Dewey Dog Day



SEPT 20TH

**Dewey Beach
Public Safety Day**



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!

Dewey Goes Pink

One of the biggest events of the year returns Oct. 4th, featuring a 5K race to support breast cancer awareness!

Sea Witch Festival

Each year, both Dewey Beach and Rehoboth Beach participate in the famous Seawitch Festival! Halloween-lovers flock to our area to enjoy a weekend of tricks and treats. Dewey Beach will host Trick-or-Treat on Oct. 24th, and the Haunted Graveyard on both Oct. 24th and 25th!

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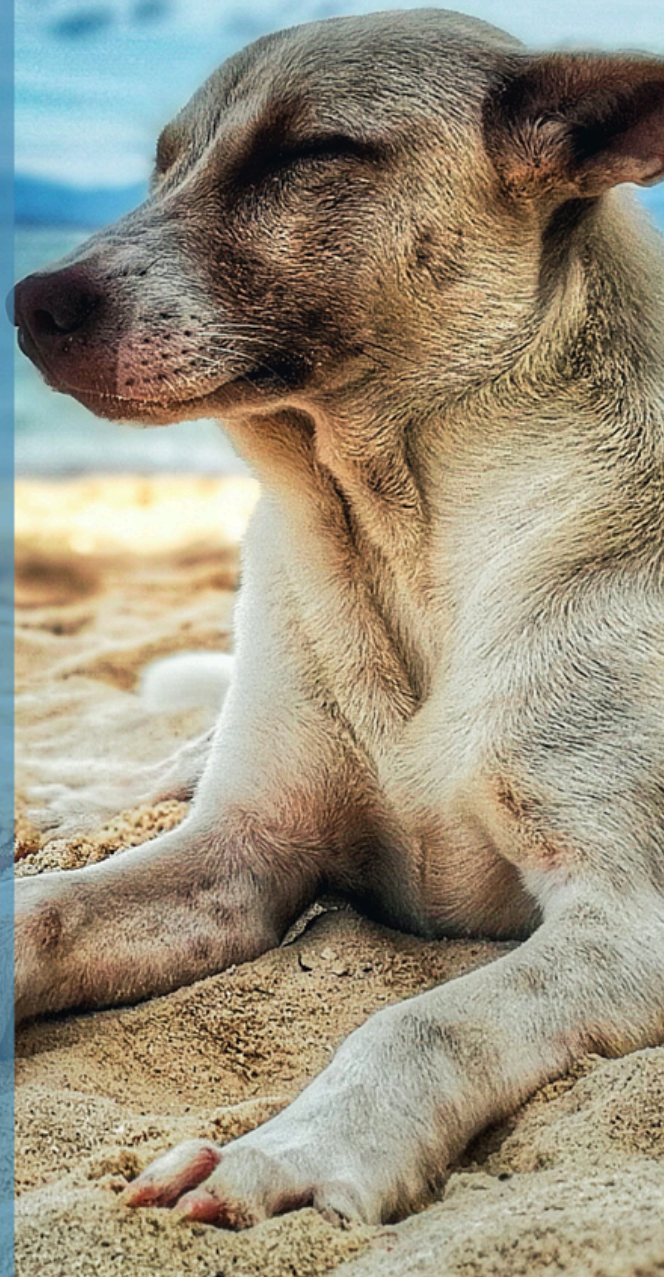
10:00AM - 12:00PM

DOG

VAN DYKE AVE
ON THE BEACH

DAY

PRIZES,
GIVEAWAYS, AND
MERCH



LYNAM'S
BEACH SERVICE



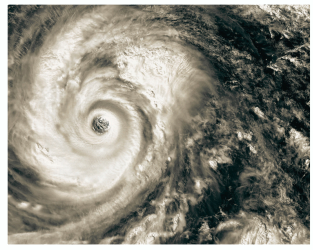
THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS!



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BRIEF

QUICK UPDATES YOU SHOULD KNOW!



Severe Weather Prep

Now is the time to prepare for severe weather! Take a moment to review our Hurricane Safety page on our website – a great resource for both property owners and visitors!

[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](#)



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.](#)

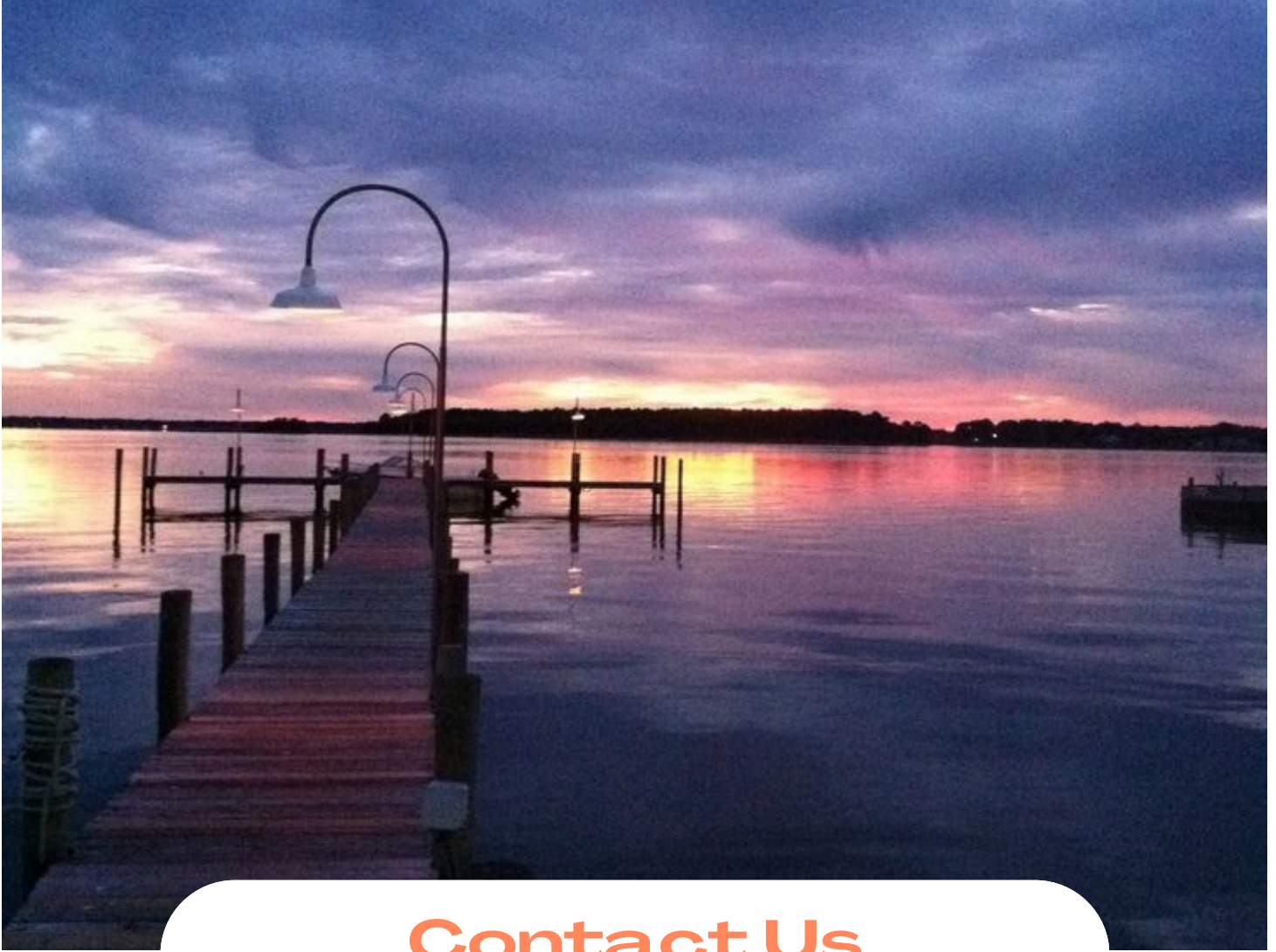
Are you registered on the Dewey Beach Services Portal?
Subscribe to newsletters, and register for alerts related to all things Dewey!

Upcoming Meetings

September 17th – Charter & Code Committee
September 26th – Town Council
November 3rd – Finance Committee Workshop

[Learn More](#)





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