

SEPTEMBER 2026

DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach

September - Dewey's Best - Kept Secret

September is when Dewey Beach really shines. The summer crowds have faded, the pace slows down, and locals season officially begins. The water is still warm, the sunsets are golden, and there's finally a little more room to enjoy the beach - especially with your four-legged friends by your side. This is the time of year when Dewey feels a little more like home. Grab the leash, take a long walk, linger over dinner, and say hello to familiar faces around town. With fewer crowds and plenty of sunshine left, September has a laid-back charm all its own. Maybe that's what makes September Dewey's best-kept secret: it's the same beach we love, just a little quieter, a little slower, and even more enjoyable.



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TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE

Oh September, the best month in Dewey Beach! Crowds are gone, water is still warm, easy to park, and our four-legged friends can be back full time on the beach!

The new Town Hall and Public Safety Building is finished with the exception of the elevator. Once the elevator is finished and inspected, we'll be applying for the CO. We appreciate all your support and patience as Phase One of the new building is finishing up. The Phase One open house is scheduled for November 7th from 4pm to 6pm. Phase Two, the paramedic station, will start in mid-October.

Work on the Dickinson Ave bayside flood mitigation project will start the week of September 21st . The project will be upgrading the storm drain, installing an easy clean check valve, cleaning out the storm drain pipe, and resetting the landscaping tarp/rocks. This work will take about two weeks to complete depending on the weather. I applied for State CTF funding grant, $45,000, for this project which was supported and approved by Representative Claire Snyder-Hall and Senator Russ Huxtable. Thank you!

This is your last chance to support and donate to our Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company. These brave Men and Women dedicate their time and lives to keep us safe. Click here to donate!

I want to send a special thanks to the Hyatt, Highway One, The Starboard, the Lions Club, and former Mayor Pat Wright for their important donations to the police antennas. Thank you!

In our continued quest to improve the median center island, I want to point out all the hard work by our new full-time maintenance employee John Koshar. John is a jack-of-all-trades, keeping our town clean and the center island looking beautiful. If you see John around town on the golf cart please say hello.

IQ Fiber will be installing a fiber optic line underground on the street right-of-ways starting in October. This will give all Dewey Beach residents another option for internet service. If you have any questions, IQ Fiber will be providing a presentation this Saturday 9/19 at 10:00am at the Town Council Meeting.

I'd like to thank former Mayor Diane Hanson for her donation to purchase mums for the center island at Van Dyke Ave and at Town Hall. The mums look beautiful. Thank you!

Hope to see you all Saturday Night at the End of the Summer Party!

Enjoy the Fall!

Bill Zolper

Dewey Beach Town Manager

Dewey Beach Patrol 2027

MAKE WAVES SAVE LIVES

Join the Dewey Beach Patrol



Make a Difference. Live the Adventure.

Looking for a summer that's anything but ordinary? If you're physically fit, confident, and ready to make a difference, becoming a beach lifeguard could be the perfect opportunity for you. Spend your summer on the beach, stay active, build lifelong friendships, and gain valuable skills while helping keep your community safe.
It's more than a summer job—it's an experience filled with purpose, adventure, teamwork, and unforgettable moments. Get fit, get outside, make a difference, and make this a summer you'll never forget.

JOB BENEFITS

- Open Water Rescue Training & National Certification
- National Emergency Medical Responder Certification
- Competitive salary, uniform and gear provided
- Athletic enhancement and competition opportunities
- Make new friends and unforgettable life experiences!

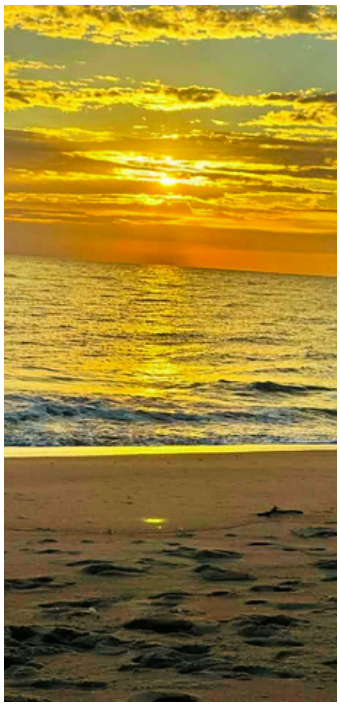
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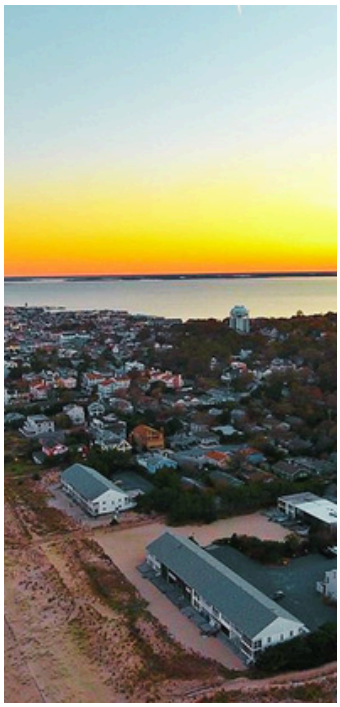
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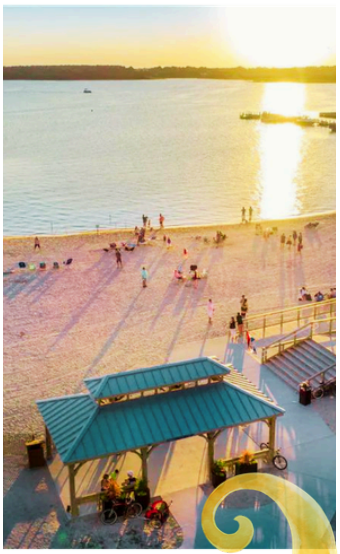
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A BRIGHT FUTURE









YOUR OPINIONS HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF DEWEY BEACH

The Town of Dewey Beach is updating its Comprehensive Plan—a long-range guide that helps shape decisions about land use, transportation, housing, environmental stewardship, public facilities, economic development, and the overall future of our community. Your feedback is an important part of this process.

Please take a few minutes to complete our brief survey and share your thoughts. Whether you're a year-round resident, business owner, property owner, or visitor, your input will help ensure the Comprehensive Plan reflects the community's priorities and vision for the years ahead. Together, we can help shape the future of Dewey Beach.

VISITOR SURVEY

RESIDENT/RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNER SURVEY

BUSINESS OWNER SURVEY

DEWEY

SEPT 20TH
10:00AM - 2:00PM

DOG

DAGSWORTHY ST.
ON THE BEACH

DAY

PRIZES,
GIVEAWAYS, AND
MERCH



Dog Friendly Dining In
DEWEY BEACH

Establishments listed below offer some form of dog-friendly seating including but not limited to outdoor tables, patio seating, covered deck, etc. Dogs must be leashed & well behaved. Individual establishments reserve the right to refuse service. Contact individual locations for more details.

- **The Coffee Mill**
  1700 Coastal Highway · 302-567-2117
- **Dewey Beer Co.**
  2100 Coastal Highway · 302-227-1182
- **Dewey Post**
  1205 Coastal Highway · 302-260-9566
- **Fifer's Farm Kitchen**
  200 Cullen Street · 302-227-8680
- **Franco's Pizza**
  1810 Coastal Highway · 302-227-3454
- **Gary's Dewey Beach Grill**
  2000 Coastal Highway · 302-227-8519
- **Grotto Pizza**
  1509 Coastal Highway · 302-227-3407
- **Jimmy's Grille Dewey Beach**
  1911 Coastal Highway · 302-337-8868
- **The Lighthouse**
  124 Dickinson Avenue · 302-227-4333
- **Mamma Maria's Restaurant & Beach Bar**
  1608 Coastal Highway · 302-227-3242
- **Nalu Surf Bar & Grill**
  1308 Coastal Highway · 302-227-1449
- **Nick's Philadelphia Cheesesteaks & Subs**
  1800 Coastal Highway · 302-226-0110
- **Rusty Rudder**
  113 Dickinson Avenue · 302-227-3888
- **Sandy Pony Donuts**
  1905 Coastal Highway · 302-390-2342
- **Sharky's Grill**
  1508 Coastal Highway · 302-705-0453
- **Sunrise Restaurant**
  2300 Coastal Highway · 302-227-3202
- **Tipsea Taco**
  1808 Coastal Highway · 302-202-0205
- **Wings to Go**
  1814 Coastal Highway · 302-227-9555
- **Woody's Dewey Beach Bar & Grill**
  1904 Coastal Highway · 302-260-9945

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Subject to Change · As of 6/30/2026

USLA

COMPETITION RESULTS

Ally Diehl
National Champion: 90m Sprint
National Champion: U19 90m Sprint
6th Place: U19 Beach Flags

Lt. Chris Conaway
2nd Place: 2k Beach Run
5th Place: 70m Sprint

Steve Hagen
3rd Place: Masters Beach Flags

Haley Gamuciello
2nd Place: U19 Beach Flags
10th Place: 90m Sprint

Amara Fruchtman
4th Place: U19 90m Sprint
5th Place: U19 2k Beach Run
5th Place: U19 Beach Flags

Ashling Marshall
4th Place: 90m Sprint

Michael Frederick
5th Place: Beach Flags

Kyle Green
9th Place: Open 90m Sprint

Lt. Hunter Jones
10th Place: Beach Flags

Brady Schell
7th Place: Run Swim Run
10th Place: U19 Surf Race

Marshall Keys
10th Place: U19 2k Beach Run

Lawson Whaley
4th Place: U19 90m Sprint
8th Place: U19 Board Rescue Race

Grant Conway
8th Place: U19 90m Sprint

Kolbe Green
2nd Place: 90m Sprint

The Sussex County Lifesaving Association (SCLA) has been named the 2026 United States Lifesaving Association (USLA) National Champion, marking the third year in a row that the team has won the title. The 2026 championships were held August 4–7 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, bringing together lifeguards from across the country to compete in events testing speed, strength, ocean skills, rescue techniques and teamwork. Sussex County finished first in the largest chapter division with 1,563.748 points and also led the competition in open-division points.

The SCLA is made up of lifeguards representing beach patrols from Lewes through Fenwick Island, including the Dewey Beach Patrol. Their three-peat builds on the association's historic first national championship in 2024, after finishing second in 2023.

In short: Sussex County has now established itself as one of the premier lifeguard programs in the country — and Delaware is bringing home the national title for the third straight year.

Men's 90m Sprint Team A: 2nd Place
Kolbe Green
Kyle Green
Lt. Hunter Jones
Gray Bunting

Women's 90m Sprint Team: 2nd Place
Ally Diehl
Ashling Marshall
Amara Fruchtman
Haley Gamuciello

Men's 90m Sprint Team B: 4th Place
Lt. CJ Fritchman
Lawson Whaley
Michael Frederick
Austin Rhue



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2026 ELECTION NOTICE

Posted 8-20-2026 at 5:01pm

The Town of Dewey Beach **WILL NOT** hold its Annual Municipal Election on Saturday, September 19, 2026.

No other persons except the (2) incumbents are on file for the (2) 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 William Stevens and Gary Persinger shall be deemed elected for a full two (2) year term each.

elaine bole (Aug 19, 2026 16:14:18 EDT)
Elaine Bole, Board of Elections

Marty Tarr (Aug 19, 2026 16:33:51 EDT)
Marty Tarr, Board of Elections

Kay Sullivan
Kay Sullivan (Aug 20, 2026 08:24:21 EDT)
Kay Sullivan, Board of Elections

Bill Zolper (Aug 20, 2026 08:26:04 EDT)
Bill Zolper, Town Manager

what's happening

don't miss these activities in and around dewey!



SEPT 25TH - 26TH

Fall Golden Jubilee



OCT 3RD

Dewey Goes Pink



OCT 23RD - 24TH

Dewey Beach Sea Witch



Book a Bonfire

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

Dewey in Bloom Planting Day

On October 25th, beautiful fall flowers will deck out Dewey Beach!

Town Hall Open House

November 7th from 4:00pm - 6:00pm, check out the new Dewey Beach Town Hall!

Holiday Happenings

The fun doesn't stop after summertime ends!The holiday season is around the corner! Stay tuned for more details on holiday events here in Dewey Beach!

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BRIEF

QUICK UPDATES YOU SHOULD KNOW!



Water Tower Painting

US Tanks has been contracted to repaint the water tower off of Bayard Ave. Scaffolding and antenna relocation will take place throughout September, with draining starting in early October. Weather pending, the tower will be returned to service in early January of 2027.



We're Moving!

Town staff is planning the move to our new building at 1505 Coastal Highway. Temporary administrative office closures may be necessary, and will be announced as soon as possible. The Police Department dispatch center will continue to operate with no interruptions.



Town Meetings

The new Town Hall building will serve as the meeting space for all Town Council and committee meetings. Once completed, meetings will no longer be held at the Lifesaving Station. Pay close attention to meeting agendas for location information!

Good News



Lt. Chris Conaway is the 2026 Dewey Beach Lifeguard of the Year. Chris is from Georgetown, DE and returned to the DBP after taking a break to establish his career. He returned and chose to lead the DBP Jr. Lifeguard Program, and coach and manage our regional and national Competition Teams to great success. Chris provided great front lines of coaching and instructional support to less experienced lifeguards with professionalism and consistency. Congratulations, Chris!

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

Upcoming Meetings

September 19th - Town Council
October 9th - Town Council
October 13th - Planning Commission
October 14th - Comp Plan Committee
October 20th - Board of Adjustment

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