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DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach

Spring into Dewey

Spring has arrived in Dewey Beach, bringing fresh color and community spirit to town. We're ready for the return of Dewey in Bloom to brighten our streets and sidewalks! Also, don't miss the opportunity to be part of the new Walk of Fame by purchasing a commemorative brick to celebrate your connection to Dewey. As we look ahead, preparations are underway for a lively Memorial Day Weekend, marking the unofficial start of summer with events and activities for residents and visitors alike!



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TOWN MANAGER'S

Update

Spring is here! As the Town starts preparing for the summer season, our maintenance team has several projects:

- Painting driveway entrances
- Changing all parking signs to the new start time of 9am as of May 15th for paid parking
- Trimming bushes and trees in the Town's right-of-way
- Installing all dune crossing mats
- Posting speed limit signs on some streets
- Cutting grass and weeding around town

Other notable updates:

Dickinson Avenue Flood Mitigation Project

A-Del has been awarded the storm drain flood mitigation project, and permits have been obtained by DelDOT for the work. The sidewalk, curb, and a section of the street will be removed. The storm drain and pipe on the street will be removed, cleaned out/debris removed, resetting riprap at the outfall, and installing a "check valve" that our maintenance team can clean quarterly. This work will start on or about May 1st and last about 7 days depending on the weather.

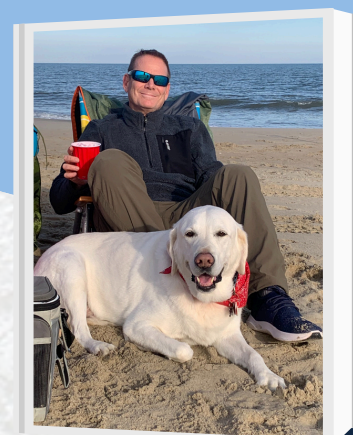
Dumpster & Spring Cleanup

The Dewey Beach Civic League is providing for town residents use of a 20-yard dumpster the week of April 20 thru April 26 for your spring cleanup needs. The dumpster will be located on McKinley Street, bayside, opposite the Lion's Club playground in the town right-of-way. The dumpster company, CDI, advises that tires, appliances, paint, and hazardous waste are prohibited. Thank you Civic League!

Many thanks to Dewey in Bloom - the planter boxes look great, and we look forward to the spring planting next month. I'd also like to thank the Dewey Beach Partnership, the Hyatt, all the great volunteers, and especially Kelly for another great Egg Scoop!

Enjoy the warmer weather,

-Bill



EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2026

NEW LEGISLATION

Building Permits

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FULL
ORDINANCE](#)



Previous rules for building permits required owners to obtain permits for routine work on their homes. New legislation, effective April 1, 2026, aims to simplify the process.

Maintenance Activity Thresholds

Maintenance Activities Under \$1,000

Work may begin immediately and requires no application or notification.

Maintenance Activities \$1,000 – \$10,000

Notification and estimate must be provided to the Building Department. Once approved by the department, work may begin. No fees are assessed.

Maintenance Activities \$10,000+

Building permit required.

FEMA Regulations

In accordance with FEMA, maintenance in a flood plain must not:

- Increase the structure's market value by 50% or more
- Involve expansion, elevation, or enclosure of the structure
- Compromise flood-resistant design or materials

Inspections

The Town reserves the right to conduct inspections of all work performed, regardless of whether a formal building permit was issued, and to designate the inspection official.

- Inspections will seek to ensure that work is consistent with all Town code requirements and any approved permits.
- Inspection is required for any project for which total cost is at least \$15,000, and the cost of the inspection will be added to the building permit fee.
- Inspections will not validate the quality of work performed.

Defining Maintenance Activities

Maintenance includes both preventive and corrective actions to preserve property in good repair.

Maintenance Activities include:

- Routine upkeep of structures and premises
- Non-structural repairs that do not alter the footprint or load-bearing elements
- Cosmetic improvements that do not involve major construction

Specific Maintenance Activities Include:

- Repainting walls, trim, or exterior surfaces
- Replacing or refinishing flooring
- Repairing drywall or other wall or ceiling materials
- Updating fixtures (e.g., light switches, faucets, cabinet handles, doorknobs), excluding any relocation of plumbing fixtures and upgrading or relocation of electrical outlets and circuitry
- Roof or siding replacement not exceeding 25% of existing sheathing
- Cleaning or power-washing surfaces
- Replacing window treatments or decorative elements
- Minor appliance or HVAC component replacements
- Non-structural alterations are allowed for patios, concrete slabs, decks and decorative hardscaping



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IN DEWEY
BEACH!

DEWEY BEACH

Walk of Fame

LEGENDS ★ HISTORY ★ MEMORIES

ONE TOWN.
THOUSANDS OF STORIES.
SET YOURS IN STONE!



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LICENSING



The payment portal for business licenses will open on April 1st. The new license year begins May 1st. Any business that plans to operate in town from May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2027 must obtain a license prior to starting work.



Online payment for rental licenses opens on April 1st. If you plan to rent your property between May 1, 2026 and April 30, 2027, you must first obtain a rental license.



If you rented your property between October 1st and March 30th, your accommodations tax is due by April 15th. If you owe accommodations tax, you will not receive your rental license for 2026-2027 until it is paid.

Questions?

We're here to help!

[contact us!](#)



In Full bloom

Our bloom box sponsorships are complete for the 2026 season! Thank you to all of our sponsors who have joined us this year. We're excited to create a beautiful floral design for each of you! Missed out on a bloom box for 2026? You can still support Dewey in Bloom!

We are always accepting new volunteers to join the team in any capacity. This year we look forward to adding more group gatherings for our volunteers to enjoy! This is a great opportunity to serve your community and make new friends in your area.

donate

Your donations ensure the continued growth and success of the Dewey in Bloom initiative. Thanks to general donations, we can explore new projects for the community to enjoy!

volunteer

join the fun

Attend our upcoming fundraiser!
April 27th, 5 - 9 pm
Dine to Donate @ Nicola Pizza

Become a sponsor for our first
Kids Bike Parade
July 5th 9:30 - 11:30am

Red White & Bloom Kids Bike Parade

July 5th
9:30am - 11:30am

McKinley Ave Bayside
Dewey Beach

All are
welcome!

Decorate
your bike
and join the
fun!



Family
Friendly Activities
Following Parade!

Hosted by



Dine TO Donate

APRIL 27, 2026

5 - 9PM



**20% OF DINE-IN
SALES WILL BE
DONATED!**

**SUPPORT 2
DEWEY BEACH
NON-PROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS!**



**NICOLA PIZZA
17323 OCEAN ONE PLAZA
LEWES, DE**



Join the Comprehensive Plan Committee

We are preparing to draft our 2028 Comprehensive Plan! A town comprehensive plan is a long-range planning document that serves as a community's blueprint for future growth and development, typically looking 10 to 20 years ahead. It reflects the community's shared vision for how the town should evolve, while preserving what makes it unique.

We're looking to build a Comprehensive Plan Committee to fairly address the interests and needs of the community's stakeholders - including residents, property owners, business owners, and visitors - to shape a balanced vision for Dewey Beach's future. This vision supports goals like maintaining the town's character, addressing infrastructure and environmental issues, and ensuring a high quality of life for all who live, work, or visit the area.

Members of this committee should plan to meet at least once per month for approximately one year. Virtual participation via Zoom is available. Recommendations from the committee will be forwarded to Town Council for possible inclusion in the 2028 Comprehensive Plan.

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COUNTDOWN

Summer 2026

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get vacation ready

days until Memorial Day

Seasonal parking permits available now!



It's never too early to book your beach bonfire!
Enjoy a beach fire during your vacation - book online today!



New furry addition to the family?
Skip the line and license your dog online today!



what's happening

don't miss these activities in and around dewey!



APR 11TH - 12TH

Coastal DE Running Festival



APR 24TH - 26TH

Doodles in Dewey



MAY 9TH

Arts & Fun Festival



Book a Bonfire

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

Dewey's Golden Jubilee

The Goldens are back May 8th - 9th!

Ten Sisters 5K Kick Off

The road race series begins May 25th with the Highway One Companies 5K!

Memorial Day Weekend

The summer season is right around the corner! We can't wait to welcome old friends and new back to Dewey Beach for Summer 2026!

Check with your favorite restaurants and shops to learn more about all the fun that's in store here in Dewey!

dewey beach

JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM



Registration
is Open
Now!



db news

BRIEF

QUICK UPDATES YOU SHOULD KNOW!



Pools & Pool Fences

The Town has received numerous public comments regarding pools and the height of fences permitted in front of residential structures. This item will be up for a vote at the [Town Council Meeting on April 17th](#).



Beach Bonfires

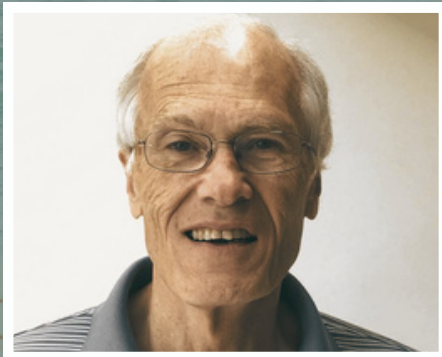
The Town now permits up to two bonfires per street – one located on the south side, and one on the north side of each dune entrance – providing more opportunities for residents and visitors to safely enjoy beach gatherings. A [valid permit](#) is still required prior to any fire being conducted.



Parking Fees

The Town Council recently approved [Ordinance 868](#), which changes the time that parking fees go into effect from 10:00am daily, to 9:00am daily. Paid parking begins on May 15th. Be sure to display a permit or use Park Mobile when parking after 9:00am.

Good News



Commissioner Gary Persinger has been named Volunteer of the Year for 2026, a well-deserved recognition of his decade of dedicated service to the Town of Dewey Beach. Since first taking office in 2016, Commissioner Persinger has consistently demonstrated a strong commitment to the community, offering his time, leadership, and thoughtful guidance on a wide range of local initiatives. His continued efforts have helped shape and strengthen Dewey Beach, making a lasting impact for residents and visitors alike.

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Subscribe to newsletters, and register for alerts related to all things Dewey!***

Upcoming Meetings

April 17th – Town Council Meeting
April 21st – Planning Commission Meeting
April 30th – Board of Adjustment Meeting
May 4th – Marketing Committee Meeting

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