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DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach

The Heat is On!

Summer 2024 is flying by, but I guess this is what happens when you're having fun! Thanks to some awesome events, sunny beach days and all-around good vibes, we've welcomed record numbers of visitors to the Delaware beaches so far this summer, and we're not slowing down yet! August is the time for one of our favorite events, and the perfect opportunity to get involved with one of Dewey's favorite pastimes, skimboarding! We're also sending off our Beach Patrol to the USLA National Competition this month. Read on to learn more and show your support!



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TOWN MANAGER'S

Update

This has been a great summer and it's not over yet! You know it's August when the top skim boarders from around the world come to McKinley Ave in Dewey Beach to compete for the Skim Board World Championships this week. Come out and see this great event!

While you are enjoying the rest of the summer, here are a couple of reminders:

- Property and business owners, please continue to clean up trash around your residences, rentals, and businesses. Let's keep Dewey Beach clean!
- All perpendicular parking spots are head in parking only. No backing in. See the recently passed [ordinance](#) for more information.
- Property and business owners thinking about doing construction, remodeling, demolition, additions to any building, tree removal, fences, repaving, grading/fill, landscaping, and driveways *all* require building permits from the town. To see a complete list of building permit requirements, days and times work can be done, and additional application requirements, view the [Building Department webpage](#).
- As the town continues to increase public safety at the crosswalks, we have stenciled in red, "LOOK TWICE CHECK BOTH LANES" and "PUSH THE BUTTON" on the sidewalks at each crosswalk. We hope folks will follow this guidance before crossing the road. Click here for more [safety tips](#).
- Do you have ideas to improve pedestrian safety in Dewey Beach? Fill out our questionnaire [here](#).

Our Dewey Beach Team has been doing a great job working hard this summer to keep you safe and the Town clean! Enjoy the month of August!



-Bill

SKIM USA

dewey's favorite sport



Skimboarding is deeply rooted in the Dewey Beach culture.

The success and popularity of Dewey's skimboarding community can be largely credited to Harry Wilson, who started selling his own Sandpiper Skimboards in the mid 70's right here in Dewey. He's witnessed and participated in the evolution of not just the board itself, but the sport as a whole.

While skimboarding was starting to pick up speed in Hawaii and California, Wilson put Delaware on the map with his creation of the East Coast Skimboard Championships in 1982. He later formed Skim USA, which connected local skimboarders with the larger competition circuit happening on the west coast. While Skim USA has since changed hands, we have Wilson to thank for getting the Dewey skim wave rolling.

The culmination of the Skim USA tour each year, the Zap Pro/Am World Championships of Skimboarding is where the top amateur skimboarders of the world gather to vie for a spot on the podium.

This year is the 42nd anniversary of the contest, which is a three-day event that has live music, great food, and an amazing skimboarding competition, all in the heart of the skimboarding capital of the East Coast, Dewey Beach!



Click
for
more
info!

**Friday, August 9th through
Sunday, August 11th**

**On the Beach at McKinley
Avenue**

While you can catch skimboarding action anytime here in Dewey, the Zap Pro/Am Championship is a must-see to learn more about the sport, meet the pros, and watch world-class skimboarding athletes ride the waves to gold!

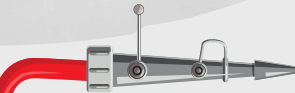
REHOBOTH BEACH VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY

Donation Drive

The Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company responds annually to over 600 calls from residents and visitors alike, and that number is continuing to increase steadily year after year. Your generous monetary donations enable the RBVFC to continue their mission of providing the best emergency services to you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Please consider donating what you can to help the RBVFC help you, when you need it most..



Many residents and visitors to our area are surprised to learn that when they dial 911 in an emergency, most of the people who respond are volunteers. They leave their families at a moment's notice, day or night, rain or shine, ready to place their lives in harm's way to protect your lives and property. This type of dedication and commitment is tough to come by, but it's one of the reasons the Delaware beaches are such a great place to live, work or vacation. These firefighters are your neighbors and co-workers. They dutifully spend hundreds of hours training each year to be ready to respond at any time to emergencies such as structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, brush fires, water rescues, downed power lines and much, much more.

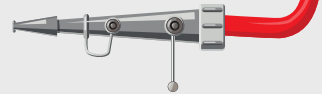


Join the Town of Dewey Beach in supporting our local heroes in their mission to continue providing life-saving service to our area. From July 1st - September 9th, the Town of Dewey Beach will match donations up to a grand total of **\$15,000!**

The Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and donations made by check are 100% tax deductible.

Donations are accepted by check payable to the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company. Please send checks to Dewey Beach Town Hall at 105 Rodney Ave, Dewey Beach, DE 19971.

*Donations may also be made on our [website](#).



*In many cases, online donations submitted to an organization that is not a 501(c)(3) can not be deducted on taxes (The Town of Dewey Beach is not a registered 501(c)(3)). We can provide a receipt for you to verify your donation is for the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company, but can not guarantee this will be accepted as a tax deduction. Please check with your tax accountant prior to making an online donation if you wish to use your donation as a tax deduction, or, submit your donation by check made payable to Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company.



calm before the storm

NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE FOR STORM SEASON

NOAA predicts an above-normal hurricane season for 2024. Here is your reminder to prepare now for potential severe storms.

The ongoing La Nina phenomenon, combined with abnormally warm ocean temperatures is expected to create the perfect conditions for an active 2024 hurricane season, which typically spans from mid-August through mid-October. While the state of Delaware has been lucky in avoiding a direct hit from a major hurricane, we've seen that even smaller systems off of our coast can pose a severe threat. While high, solid dune structures protect us from rising ocean waters in many cases, bay side flooding is a major concern. If you've spent any length of time in Dewey, you know that even a solid rain storm combined with a lunar tide can have flood waters reaching

Coastal Highway. Severe storm surge from hurricanes off the coast can cause flash flooding throughout town. It is imperative that not just *residents* know the risks, but that property owners properly inform their renters who may not be well-versed in the price we pay to live in a coastal community. We encourage all members of the Dewey Beach family to register for the Delaware Emergency Notification System (DENS), and also subscribe to our town emails to receive severe weather alerts. Prepare now for a potential storm event. For more information on storm preparedness, visit preparede.org.

1 Know Your Zone
All of Dewey Beach lies in the "A" evacuation zone. If an evacuation is ordered, listen for instructions for this zone.

2 Make a Plan
Planning allows you to act with purpose under stress. Make a plan today to reduce the impact of disaster.

3 Build a Kit
Prepare your supplies for lost power, stay-in-place, or evacuation orders.

4 Stay Informed
Register for the Delaware Emergency Notification System



DEWEY BEACH

PUBLIC
SAFETY DAY



COME OUT AND MEET YOUR FIRST RESPONDERS!



SEPT 21, 2024 12-4PM

115 McKinley Ave., Dewey Beach, DE 19971

ACTIVITIES

FOOD

DJ & MORE



THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSOR





Show Your Support

It's been a record-breaking season for the Dewey Beach Patrol! This year, a total of 73 men and women joined the DBP, all of whom were nationally certified in USLA Open Water Rescue and Emergency Medical Response. The DBP doesn't just guard our beaches. They're often first on the scene for all medical emergencies throughout town, including vehicle accidents, cardiac events, injuries and more. The DBP also hosts the free Youth Recreation Program through the month of July, inviting kids of all ages to join them on the beach for games, sports, and mentorship. Additionally, the Junior Lifeguard Program, also held during the month of July, welcomed a record number of participants - over 100 kids - to learn all about ocean and beach safety, conservation, and what it takes to guard Delaware's beaches.

The DBP regularly participates in regional and national championships through the USLA. This serves as both a team-building activity, and gets Dewey's name on the map! This year's regional champions are:

Men's Open Beach Flags

1st Place - CJ Fritchman (Defending National Champion)

Men's Age 30-35 Beach Flags

1st Place - Steve Hagen

Men's 90m Sprint Relay

2nd Place - DBP1: Kolbe Green, CJ Fritchman, Austin Rhue, Hunter Jones

3rd Place - DBP2: Mack Leonhartt, Wilson Ingerski, Vance Barbato, Kyle Green

Women's 90m Sprint Relay

5th Place - Ella Rishko, Lulu Rishko, Grace Wiggins, Hadley Rhue

Women's Run Swim Run

8th Overall: Mary Kate Keegan

Show your support for the Dewey Beach Patrol by donating today! Your donation helps get our regional champions to the USLA National Championship.

a message FROM THE DBPD



*We're here
to serve
you!*



Pedestrian Safety

The safety of our visitors and residents remains a top concern. Review safety tips on our website [here](#). Did you miss last month's newsletter piece on how to travel safely through Dewey? Check it out [here!](#)



Statistics & Reports

Thanks to our new computer-aided dispatch system, we are improving reporting to let you know how we're doing! You can review statistics and reports on our webpage [here](#).



Non-Emergency Complaints

For non-urgent complaints, please contact our Police Chief, Constance Speake, directly by email at constance.speake@cj.state.de.us



Many complaints from visitors and residents are sent to Town Council or our Town Manager, often on a Monday morning after an incident has already taken place over the weekend. If you have any concerns with suspicious or illegal activity, including but not limited to noise violations, disorderly houses, underage drinking, speeding or other traffic concern, call the Police Department directly, right away! It is very difficult to handle a complaint after it's already taken place. We are here to assist you in keeping Dewey Beach safe for everyone.

(302) 227-1110

They're here! Commonly found in the warmer water of the bay, as the ocean heats up in late summer, native jellyfish species become more prevalent on the ocean beach. While there may be nearly 5,000 jellyfish species worldwide, here we highlight some common types found right here in Dewey.

Jellyfish of dewey beach



lion's mane

Magnificent in appearance, the large lion's mane jelly measures approximately 8 inches in diameter. This reddish-brown jellyfish typically graces us with its presence from mid-summer until fall. Though he looks rather menacing, a sting from this species tends to be more annoying than painful, only occasionally producing welts on the skin.

If you've spent any time near the bay, you've likely seen a sea nettle, as they're extremely common here in Delaware waters. Larvae are produced from early spring all the way through mid-summer. A small but mighty species, a sting from a sea nettle packs a punch. Though toxins are mild and rarely cause severe complications, the sting itself is quite painful.

sea nettle



moon disc

Possibly the most abundant species in our area, the moon disc jellyfish can grow to be rather large, up to 18 inches across! Looking down at the moon disc from above, they're easy to identify by the four horseshoe-shaped parts at the center of the bell. In August and September, the arms of this jellyfish turn pink in color, indicating larvae at the edge of the umbrella. The moon disc is relatively harmless, a sting often results in only a mild rash.

A staple in our lifeguards first aid kits – shaving cream – can be a great remedy for jellyfish stings. Shaving cream can help remove the tiny, barbed stingers that jellyfish have on their tentacles. Applying shaving cream binds and catches stingers, preventing further injury. Other effective first aid remedies include removing the barbs with tweezers, then soaking the skin in hot water for 20-30 minutes.

stung
by a
jellyfish?

Where the Fun Never Ends!

DEWEY BEACH HOSTS A VARIETY OF EVENTS ALL YEAR LONG!



Book a Bonfire

We offer booking for private bonfires all year long, and anytime is the perfect time to enjoy a fire by the sea!

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Movies on the Beach

The Monday Movies on the Beach schedule is here!

Which movie are you most excited to see?

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Local Events

The Rehoboth-Dewey Chamber of Commerce will keep you updated on all area events! Mark your calendars!

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End of Season Party

Get ready for the biggest beach party of the summer on September 14th!

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TOWN ELECTION

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

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 2024 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 22nd!

STEP 3 - STAY IN THE KNOW

Keep an eye on the [2024 Election Calendar](#) for important dates! We'll also post election news on our [website](#).

August 22nd: Candidate filing and voter registration deadline.

August 23rd: Notice of Election*

August 26th: Absentee voting begins! Cast your vote at Town Hall during business hours, or [request a ballot by mail](#).

September 20th: Absentee voting closes at noon.

September 21st: Election Day! Cast your vote at the Dewey Beach Lifesaving Station between 10:00am and 6:00pm.

**Two seats are up for election. If no more than two candidates file, there will be no commissioner election for 2024.*

News Brief

Candidates Forum

The Dewey Beach Civic League will once again host the Candidates Forum on Saturday, August 24th at 3:30pm. The event will be held at the Dewey Beach Lifesaving Station at 1 Dagsworthy Avenue. This is your opportunity to meet the candidates running for a commissioner's seat in this year's election! [Click](#) for more info!



Upcoming Meetings

August 14th - Audit Committee

August 16th - Town Council

September 7th - Climate Change

MEETING CALENDAR & AGENDAS

Mark Your Calendar Now!

The Dewey Beach Lions Club is hosting a blood drive on Tuesday, October 8th from 12:00-6:00 PM at the Dewey Beach Lions Clubhouse. Let's make this community service project a success once again! Please tell your neighbors, friends & family to sign up to donate blood. Remember, you must wait 8 weeks between donations, so please register ahead of time to donate [here](#)!





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