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# DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach

## We're Set for Summer!

The warm weather is finally here, and we're soaking up the sun here in Dewey! We welcomed record numbers of visitors over Memorial Day Weekend! Each year we're excited to see old friends and new make their way to town for a fresh season of sun, fun, and memories. This month, we want you to get up and get moving with us! Join the DBP for their community outreach programs, learn where you can play one of Dewey's favorite sports, or take time to stop and smell the flowers on our one mile tour of our Dewey in Bloom project!



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# TOWN MANAGER'S

# Update

After a great Memorial Day Weekend with outstanding weather, June is here and the Summer in Dewey Beach has started. And with the start of summer also comes the start of hurricane season. It's important now that you start preparing for possible impacts of a hurricane and flooding. Please visit [PrepareDE.org](http://PrepareDE.org) for important preparedness information. The Town of Dewey Beach also provides helpful emergency information on its town webpage [here](#).

While you enjoy the beautiful weather this week, here are a few summer reminders:

- Fireworks in Dewey Beach will be July 4th at dusk on the north end of the bay. Thank you Highway One for once again sponsoring the fireworks show!
- Dewey is very fortunate to have such beautiful ocean and bay beaches. Please keep the beaches clean and remove and throw away all trash in the cans at the dune crossings.
- No smoking, alcohol, or glass on the beach.
- We love our Dewey Dogs, but please pick up after your four-legged buddy. The town supplies doggy bags on each dune crossing, please use them.
- Please respect fellow beachgoers, and keep speaker volume to a minimum while listening to music on the beach.
- No contractor work on Saturdays, Sundays, nor on the following holidays: Independence Day Thursday July 4th, and Labor Day Monday September 2nd.

At the north end of Dewey Beach, in the ocean, is a storm water run-off pipe from Silver Lake. During high tides, the pipe and support structure are completely submerged, causing a serious safety hazard. After several meetings with lifeguard Captain Todd Fritchman, I was told 3 people were seriously injured on this submerged structure over the past years. After explaining the situation and safety issue to DNREC, the town obtained permission to post a seasonal "Hazardous - No Swimming" sign to warn the public of the submerged structure. Hopefully this will help keep the public away from the hazard when the lifeguards are off duty.

Enjoy a great summer in Dewey !

Bill



-Bill

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH  
10:00AM

20673 COASTAL HWY  
REHOBOTH BEACH

LEVUE

## WELCOME TO DEWEY BEACH

### BEACH REGULATIONS

- An admission is guaranteed on the beach from May 15th - September 30th. Ocean bathing and sunbathing are prohibited on the beach at all times.
- Swimming is prohibited on the beach/beach dunes.
- The beach is open from 6:00am - 10:00pm.
- Surf fishing is permitted on the beach. The most fishes in your net within 500 feet of surfers if you are fishing between the hours of 6:00am and 10:00pm.
- No commercial activity is allowed on the beach or public grounds unless approved by the town.
- Please respect Cherry Beach and help us to make it beautiful. A litter bag is included in beach equipment.
- Operating vehicles on the beach are limited between the hours of 6:00am - 10:00pm on weekends and holidays. Please check with a lifeguard prior to engaging in sporting activities.
- For your safety and the safety of other beachgoers, bicycling and e-scooter use and street racing is prohibited.
- Dogs are permitted on the beach after 5:00pm.

### PARKING REGULATIONS

Handicap parking (designated for all non-licensed drivers) and loading/unloading of a vehicle is only allowed from 8:00am - 6:00pm. Other than loading or unloading a vehicle, no parking is allowed in these spaces.

### IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

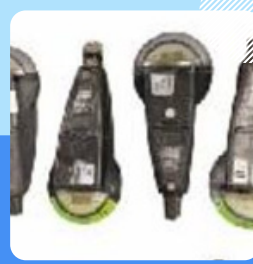
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### FAMILY FUN NIGHTS

Join us for the Family Fun Nights. They are held on the beach. Please see the beach website for more information.



# Up For Auction



## Own a Part of Dewey Beach History!

A variety of Dewey Beach items will be up for auction Saturday, June 8th! Lifeguard stands, street signage, parking meters, beach signs, lifeguard chair signs, bicycles, and more! Plus lots of other items to check out including vehicles, tools, and other equipment.

CLICK FOR MORE INFO



## the 1 mile bloom walk

thank you to all of our  
volunteers and  
sponsors:

1. Jersey St. Neighbors
2. Goodman Gable Gould Company
3. West St. Neighbors
4. Bobbie Redefer & Family
5. Clayton St. Neighbors
6. Dewey Beach Civic League
7. The Starboard
8. Shari & Harvey Goodman
9. Vavala's Beach Things
10. Mr. Wash
11. Debbie & Steven Robins
12. Bottle & Cork
13. Block Party Hotels
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17. Proforma Print Marketing
18. Read Ave Neighbors
19. [Click Here to Sponsor!](#)
20. Mr. Wash
21. Hotel Dewey
22. Lions Club
23. Grotto Pizza
24. Goldleaf Hotel
25. Bruce & Ellen Pearlman
26. Diane Hanson
27. Ed Pratt
28. Anchor Way Neighbors





# Beyond

## THE STANDS

# DBP COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

### JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM

Do you know a child or teen interested in becoming a lifeguard? The DBP Junior Lifeguard Program is perfect for kids who love the beach, physical activity, helping others, and learning more about our coastal environment.

This fun and educational program is geared towards ages 6 - 16. Participants are provided with instruction from the Dewey Beach Lifeguard Captain, as well as veteran members of the patrol and EMS in lifesaving history, lifeguard qualification and training, health, fitness, and safety, the marine environment, water surveillance, rescue equipment, weather hazards, the surf beach, and more!

Upon completion of the program, participants receive official membership in the USLA. Official Dewey Beach Patrol shorts and logo t-shirts are provided. Participants must meet certain criteria outlined on our website. [Click here](#) for more information and registration!

### YOUTH RECREATION

Join the local heroes of the DBP for Youth Recreation every evening on the beach at Dagsworthy Avenue!

A variety of equipment and activities will be provided, including but not limited to t-ball, whiffle ball, rubber horseshoes, beanbag toss, ring toss, tetherball, STX lacrosse (no contact), rubber footballs, soccer, basketball and volleyball.

The Dewey Beach Lifeguards will provide supervision of the recreation areas, basic skill instruction as needed or requested, and officiating of team activities.

This is a great opportunity to hang out with the DBP, enjoy the beach, make new friends, and learn new skills. No registration required, and participation is free! [Click here](#) for more information!

*The fun begins  
July 2nd!*

BUMP, SET

SPIKE



GET INVOLVED WITH ONE OF DEWEY'S FAVORITE ACTIVITIES



## SPECIAL EVENTS

BUMP, SET, LIGHT ANNUAL TOURNAMENT  
Bay Beach Court  
July 28th  
10:00am

[> LEARN MORE](#)

FOURS FOR FUN ANNUAL TOURNAMENT  
Ocean Beach Courts  
August 10 - 11th  
10:00am

[> LEARN MORE](#)

## WHERE TO WATCH

### OCEAN BEACH COURTS, ST. LOUIS ST to CLAYTON ST

*Kids Volleyball Camp hosted by Sand Sharks Volleyball Club*  
Sundays 4-7pm, Mondays 10am-1:30pm and 4-7pm, Tuesday-Thursday 10am-12p and 4-7pm

### BAY BEACH COURT, DICKINSON AVE

*Dewey Top 8 Tournament*  
Mondays 5:00pm, June through early August

*Restaurant/Bar League*  
Monday - Thursday 10:30am



## WHERE TO PLAY

Outside of scheduled events, the nets located on both the ocean beach and bay beach are available for the public to enjoy. Please respect the equipment and other players!

# DEWEY'S

## GREEN INITIATIVE

Dewey Beach takes “going green” seriously! With the assistance of our volunteer committees, we’re always researching options for earth-friendly legislation that benefits everyone. Here we provide a quick update on how we’re constantly working towards a healthier, greener Dewey Beach, and ways that you can help!



### HOW YOU CAN GO GREEN



#### UD Cooperative Extension

The [University of Delaware Cooperative Extension](#) offers comprehensive information on lawns, gardens, yard waste, and composting. Contact them today for help on how to build a greener space that works for you!

#### Composting Equipment Sale

DNREC has contracted with BrandBuilders to offer compost bins, rain barrels, and related accessories to you at a [discounted price!](#) Hurry and place your order before July 11th!

#### Plant Recommendations

Dewey in Bloom volunteers have been busy maintaining gorgeous, sun-loving plants throughout town. Looking to add some of these beauties to your own garden? Check out our [recommended plants](#).

## A WORK IN PROGRESS

*In March, an [ordinance](#) was approved to clearly define pervious and impervious building materials. In a flood-prone area like Dewey Beach, it is crucial that pervious materials are used whenever possible to help prevent severe flooding.*

*In April, the Town Council approved an [ordinance](#) to revise penalties for improper removal of trees. This legislation helps to ensure our existing [rules](#) regarding tree removal are followed. Protecting Dewey's trees is crucial for our migratory bird population and other wildlife, and also helps to prevent flooding. Learn more [here!](#)*

*Last month, our Charter & Code Review Committee began discussions regarding green space requirements, as well as down spouts and water runoff. Maintaining green space doesn't just enhance curb appeal, it also prevents runoff and allows for proper drainage. Did you know all of the ways green space can [benefit you](#) and your family?*

# 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!

[READ MORE](#) 



## Movies on the Beach

The Monday Movies on the Beach schedule is here!

Which movie are you most excited to see?

[READ MORE](#) 



## Local Events

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

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## Restaurant Week

June 2nd - 7th is Resort Area Restaurant Week! Enjoy special discounts at your favorite restaurants, while supporting local first responders!

[READ MORE](#) 



# 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

Congratulations to PFC James Rieley on being sworn in as a full-time officer with the Dewey Beach Police Department! Also, a big “welcome” and thank you to our 2024 Seasonal Police Officers. Thank you all for choosing to serve the Dewey Beach community!



## Upcoming Meetings

June 21st - Town Council

June 27th - Planning & Zoning

More meetings can be added at any time. Check our website for more meeting dates.

MEETING CALENDAR & AGENDAS

## Proud to Serve

The Dewey Beach Police Department is here to assist you 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In addition to regular patrol, the DBPD offers various free services to our community:

[Bike Registration](#)

[Special Needs Registration](#)

[Property Watch](#)

[Car Seat Inspection](#)





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