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# DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach

## Happy Holidays!

Thank you to all of our residents and visitors for an outstanding 2023 here in Dewey! While the days get shorter, the nights colder, and we all wind down for a "long winter's nap," those of us spending the off-season here in Dewey get an even greater sense of that "small town charm." From our Dewey Beach family to yours... we're glad to be spending this winter with all of you, and wish you a magical holiday and a very happy New Year. We'll see you in 2024!



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# Town Manager's *Update*

December is here, and so are the Holidays. I'd like to thank the Dewey Beach Business Partnership, the Dewey Beach Lions Club, and the Hyatt for their holiday spirit and support to make Dewey Beach a special place for the holidays! I'd also like to remind everyone that the Grand Menorah Lighting will take place on the Baywalk on Dickinson Street near The Lighthouse on Sunday the 10th at 5pm.

Our Dewey Beach "Town Team" has been working hard all year to make Dewey Beach the best beach town on the East Coast! I continually tell them it's not a sprint but a marathon. I want to thank our team for all their hard work, and always keeping Dewey Beach moving forward in the right direction.

I want to wish all the citizens, business owners, visitors, Commissioners, Committee Volunteers, and our town Team Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas, and a safe and Happy New Year!

Looking forward to a great 2024!

*Bill Zolper*





Dec 15th  
3:30pm

# On the Agenda...

December 15th marks the last Town Council meeting of 2023! The past year has *flown* by, and we've accomplished quite a bit this year. As part of our ongoing commitment to keep you informed of town happenings, here are just a few of the topics that are up for discussion for this month's meeting.

**Parking regulations** will be up for discussion and a possible vote. The discussion will include a variety of potential scenarios, including but not limited to a cost increase of the parking permits and/or meter rates, a change to the duration of the parking season, and/or a change to the free parking days/times.

## DON'T MISS IT

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With the assistance of their handlers, our new K9 officers Jasper and Smoke will swear the oath to serve and protect all of us here in Dewey Beach at the December meeting. We're excited to officially welcome Jasper and Smoke to the force, and also celebrate the incredible role of police dogs.

To follow Jasper and Smoke at work, be sure to visit the Dewey Beach Police Department on [Facebook](#).

Our **beach patrol** captain will also provide a report regarding the 2023 summer season. This is a great recap on all of the DBP successes, and also a time to review what needs improvement for 2024.

**Dogs on the beach** will be up for discussion as well. Our current summer season runs from May 15th - Sept 15th, during which dogs are not prohibited on the beach from 9:00a - 5:00p. Current lifeguard duty runs from Memorial Day to Labor Day. New legislation could potentially allow dogs to enjoy the beach during summer season daytime hours, when no lifeguard is present.

As always, topics are up for discussion and a potential vote. We welcome your thoughts during the public comment portion of the meeting. You may also submit your thoughts to [Town Council](#) directly in advance of the meeting. For more information on the topics up for discussion, visit the town meeting [calendar](#). Instructions are also provided [here](#) on how to watch the meeting live or provide comment virtually.





# ARE YOU READY

## DEWEY BEACH PATROL 2024



### THE CHALLENGE AWAITS

Are you ready to be a part of a team, learn skills to benefit you for a lifetime, work for one of the top beach destinations in the country, maintain excellent physical fitness, make unforgettable memories and friendships, become a local leader, and most importantly, spend your summer making a difference and saving lives? We are looking for you!

The Dewey Beach Patrol is recruiting lifeguards and EMTs for the 2024 summer season, and we want to hear from you! Our award-winning Beach Patrol guards our beaches daily from Memorial Day through Labor Day, and also answers calls throughout the Town of Dewey Beach to assist with various emergency situations. The DBP also hosts the Junior Lifeguard and Youth Recreation programs throughout the summer season. Our lifeguards also participate (and win!) at a variety of competitions locally, regionally, and nationally!

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# BAYSIDE

## Holiday



### The Baywalk

Named after our beloved former Mayor, The TJ Redefer Memorial Baywalk is always a must-see during a stay in town, but it becomes even more special during the holiday season. Take a stroll down the boards at dusk for the perfect view of the sunset over the bay. You're in close proximity of restaurants to enjoy dinner and music on the water. The Christmas tree at the end of the pier makes the perfect backdrop for your photos to commemorate this holiday season!



### Traditions

No matter which holiday you celebrate this time of year, there's something for everyone at the Baywalk. Thanks to the Chabad of Southern Delaware, a beautiful menorah shines like a beacon of hope, reminding all of us to believe in miracles!



### Together

Thanks to our great local businesses on the bay side of town, there's always a place to warm up and enjoy the company of friends and family while enjoying the sunset. The Baywalk is a popular gathering place all year long!

Menorah Lighting  
Sunday, December 10th at 5:00pm

RING IN THE NEW YEAR

2024

DEWEY STYLE

### Dewey Ball Drop

December 31st  
11:30pm

New Orleans St & Coastal Hwy

Save yourself the trip to Times Square and join us for a ball drop right here in Dewey Beach! Beverages and party favors will be available at this free event!

### The Dewey Dunk

January 1st  
11:30am

Dagsworthy St Beach

Wash away 2023 and start fresh with a dunk in the ice cold ocean on New Year's Day! DJ, bonfire and fun beach party provided! Beverages and swag will be available too! \$20 donation requested from dunkers 21 and over, \$15 for those under 21.

### New Years Eve Parties

Your favorite Dewey restaurants are excited to welcome you for the holiday! A variety of our local businesses will be hosting incredible parties complete with live music, food and beverages. These events often require a ticket, and they do sell out! Be sure to check with your favorite Dewey businesses to see what events they have planned for NYE, and get your tickets today!

### SAFETY & REGULATIONS

The goal of town staff is to welcome all of our visitors, protect the public, and ensure safe travel back to their destination at the end of the evening. Safety is a shared responsibility.

- Start 2024 off right! Have a travel plan, and stick to it. At the time of publishing, rideshare promo codes have not yet been released. We recommend keeping an eye on [Lyft](#) and [Uber](#), as NYE promo codes are sometimes offered. Don't forget you can schedule ahead with rideshare companies. Reserve your ride today.
- Local hotels and residential rentals have great rates in the off-season. Don't drive... stay with us! There's nothing better than waking up at the beach.
- Dewey Beach maintains a [curfew](#) for minors year round. Persons under the age of 18 must be off the street by 11:00pm each evening. While we pride ourselves on being a family-friendly destination, in the late evening hours, most businesses cater to crowds 21 and over. For the safety of our younger visitors, parents should ensure their children are at their home or rental by 11:00pm.
- The Dewey Beach Police will be out and about throughout New Years Eve and New Years Day. We're here to keep you safe! If you see suspicious behavior or require assistance, please call 911 or alert an officer directly.
- As always, while you're here, you're a member of the Dewey Beach family. Look out for one another. If you notice a person that may require assistance, confront them, and ask if they need help. Recruit support from business employees or police when necessary.



## TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE AN IMPACT

Dewey Beach has historically proven that when our community comes together, magic happens! We're continuing our holiday tradition of donating to those in need, and we invite our residents and visitors to join us in this group effort. We understand that the holidays are a busy time, so we're offering multiple ways to give for your convenience, with donation items to fit every budget.



With Dewey's reputation of being a dog-friendly town, it seems fitting to serve our local pets in need!

During the colder months, shelter animals must spend more time indoors. To combat boredom and depression, enrichment activities are crucial. Our goal is to help provide enrichment toys for our local shelter, Humane Animal Partners of Delaware.

HAPD also maintains a wish list of supplies that are necessary to maintain daily shelter operations. Many of these items can be picked up during a routine trip to the supermarket!

### HOW TO DONATE

- Shop our [Amazon Wish List](#) and have your gifts delivered directly to Town Hall.
- Shop locally and drop off your gifts in the bins at the Town Hall/Police Station lobby at your convenience.

We're collecting items up until Christmas Day!

### THE WISH LIST

- Kong dog toys, especially large sizes
- Nylabone dog toys, especially large sizes
- Benebone dog toys, especially large sizes
- West Paw Toppl dog toys, especially large sizes
- Lick mats for dogs and cats
- Slow feed bowls
- Kong Easy Treat Paste
- Cat litter
- Milkbone dog treats
- Freeze-dried dog treats
- Greenies Pill Pocket treats
- Kitchen size trash bags
- 60 gallon trash bags
- Paper towels
- Easy Cheese spray cheese
- Organic canned pumpkin (not pumpkin pie filling)
- Laundry detergent
- Dish detergent pods
- Towels
- Blankets





# TOYS FOR TOTS

Created and coordinated by the Marine Corps Reserve since 1947, Toys for Tots has remained one of the most respected charities in the United States. This year, Dewey Beach joins the Sussex County/Nassau Chapter to provide toys for children this holiday season. Donation is easy! Just provide a new, unwrapped toy of your choosing. Bins are available at the Town Hall/Police Station. We're collecting toys right up until Christmas Day!



Do you need some help with gift ideas? Do you want to be a part of the town toy drive but you're not in our area? No problem! We encourage you to shop our suggested items on the [Amazon wish list](#). Your gift will be delivered directly to Town Hall, and we'll be sure it's picked up by the Toys for Tots coordinator. We've added a variety of classic and modern toys for kids of all ages... at a variety of price points too! We're sure you'll find something you're excited to give this holiday season.



# 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! Any time is a great time to enjoy a fire by the sea!

[READ MORE](#) 



## Welcome 2024!

Great summers are made in the off-season! New events for 2024 are being added regularly!

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## Happy Holidays!

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

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## Winter Gala

The Dewey Business Partnership is preparing for the 2024 Winter Gala! Get your tickets today!

[READ MORE](#) 

# news brief

Quick Update...  
what you need to know this month!

## CURRENT RFP

There is an open RFP for banking services for the Town of Dewey Beach. To learn more about this opportunity, click [here](#).

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

- December 15th - Town Council
- January 12th - Planning & Zoning Commission
- January 16th - Board of Adjustment Hearing

Stay in-the-know! Keep an eye on the town meeting [calendar](#). New meetings can be added at any time. Watch live or past meetings on our [YouTube channel](#).

We encourage the public to participate and voice their opinion at any of our Town Council or committee meetings.

## SNOW REMOVAL

We're gearing up for winter weather! A reminder that snow removal is a shared responsibility between town maintenance staff and DelDOT.

In the event of heavy snowfall, stay up-to-date on the town Facebook page or the homepage of the town website. Please understand that we have limited maintenance staff, and snow removal is a tedious and tiring job. During excessive snowfall, please be patient, as our maintenance team will be working around the clock to keep roads as accessible as possible.

## PROPERTY WATCH

Have you submitted up-to-date information for the Property Watch program? All properties in town are automatically enrolled in this service. However, if you have a new off-season residence, or new property management company, be sure to let us know. For more information, click [here](#).



## HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Town administrative offices will be closed on December 25th and 26th in observance of Christmas Day.

Town Hall will also be closed January 1st for New Years Day.



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