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DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach

We're Seeing Green

The month of March is when the energy returns to Dewey! This month strikes a perfect balance of fun for everyone, with family-friendly activities like the Dewey Egg Scoop, and the revelry of St. Patrick's Day weekend. On March 19th, we'll officially welcome spring, though we've been lucky enough to have a few glimpses of warmer weather already! After a long, quiet winter, we are ready to celebrate all of the March festivities with you!

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TOWN MANAGER'S

Update

March is here and the town is busy getting ready for warmer weather. In an attempt to provide additional services to the town and our visitors, the administration office window at Town Hall will open one hour early, making our new hours 8:00am to 5:00pm. Now folks can come in at 8:00am to obtain building permits, business licenses, dog licenses, parking permits (after April 1st) and answer any questions.

I want to bring to everyone's attention the DelDOT street paving project that will take place in Dewey Beach on the state-owned streets and avenues. I attended a meeting on February 28th with DelDOT and the paving contractor, Allen Myers. Based on this meeting, milling/paving will begin on April 8th in the north end of town, weather permitting. They will provide notice to the property and business owners two days prior to starting milling and paving those streets. They will also post signs on the street before the paving starts. Please ensure all vehicles, dumpsters, and any other objects are removed from the street and town right-of-way on the days of work. If there are any parked vehicles obstructing the paving work, they may be towed. Any questions about the project should be directed to DelDOT project supervisors Chris Webb (chris.webb@delaware.gov), Sean Krasnansky (sean.krasnansky@delaware.gov) or supervisor at Allen Myers Contracting, Bruce Walther (bruce.walther@allenmyers.com). Allen Myers Contracting will be providing the town with an informational flyer that the town will send out once received.

The town is in the process of reviewing the bid submissions for beach raking, landscaping, and banking. I hope to make my recommendations for some of these proposals at the next Town Council meeting on March 15th. The town strives to recommend to the commissioners an experienced vendor who can provide the best service at the best price.

DelDOT's Public Safety Project and the Center of the Inland Bays Sunset Park Living Shoreline Projects are moving forward. Updates were provided by both teams at the February 16th Town Council Meeting. You can watch the presentations on our [YouTube channel](#), and find the presentations on our town website under [Town Projects](#).

Lastly, the dumpsters at the end of Dagsworthy Street bayside have been an eyesore for years. Located right next to Sunset Park, they took away from the beauty of the town's green space. Homeowners were also using them to dump residential trash (one address in Rehoboth in particular). After reviewing the cost and some different options for our maintenance team, I decided to remove the dumpsters. As we move forward with the Living Shoreline and Sunset Park projects on Dagsworthy, it will be nice not to have those dumpsters on the street.



-Bill

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bloom

GET INVOLVED!

Dewey in Bloom is a project to enhance curb appeal in town with the addition of planter boxes filled with colorful flowers and plants. This project is cost-neutral, relying on public donations and the participation of volunteers to set up and maintain the planter boxes.

Do you have an interest in donating to Dewey in Bloom, or volunteering your time to set up or maintain the planter boxes? Do you have a business in Dewey Beach that could sponsor a planter box near your location? We'd love to hear from you!

Join us at the informational meeting on March 8th at 11:00am to learn how you can get involved. Join us in person at the Dewey Beach Lifesaving Station, or via [Zoom](#).

CONTACT US



COMING APRIL 2024

Online Bonfire Booking

AVOID THE LINES

Enjoy more time on the beach without having to visit Town Hall in person. Book your bonfire and submit payment online. Reminder, we allow one bonfire per street per evening. All set up and breakdown rules still apply! If you would like to do a bonfire on a holiday, including Memorial Day Weekend, 4th of July, or Labor Day, we recommend you book early, as these dates fill up quickly. **Online booking goes into effect April 1st!** Check back on our website to book your fire.

[MORE INFO >>](#)



BOOK WITH A VENDOR

While the town does not provide bonfire services directly, we do have preferred vendors that are well-versed in bonfire setup and breakdown. Please check with your vendor prior to booking your bonfire online - some vendors will handle the booking for you, and also provide additional services such as chair and table rental.

The town is not responsible for vendor services. Each vendor will have their own booking and cancellation requirements.

[MORE INFO >>](#)



parking fees go into effect 5/15!



tips

Seasonal parking permits are available for purchase April 1st. There is no rush to buy your permit. Discounts remain active throughout the season, and we will not sell out of permits.

There are 2 options for seasonal permits. A virtual permit requires no hangtag, and is connected to your license plate number. This is a great choice for motorcycles or convertibles. Traditional rearview mirror hangtags are available as well!

We love our scooter riders! More scooter parking is being added this year. Look for spaces marked "moped" to park your scooter for free. If you park in a car space, you will need to pay for parking!

DEWEY BEACH

parking 101

2024 PRICING

- Seasonal Parking Permit \$300.00
 - Property Owners may purchase up to 2 seasonal passes at a discounted rate of \$175.00 each.
 - Business Owners with a Dewey Beach location may purchase up to 2 season passes at a discounted rate of \$175.00 each.
 - Business Owners who are licensed in the town may purchase up to 2 season passes at a discounted rate of \$225.00 each.
 - Employees of Dewey Beach Businesses may purchase 1 season pass at a discounted rate of \$225.00 (must present pay stub or employment letter).
- 24 hours: \$30.00 (Also available via Park Mobile app)
- Weekend (10:00am Friday - 10:00am Monday): \$55.00
- Weekly (8 Consecutive Days): \$100.00
- Metered Parking by the Hour - \$3.50

Parking is free on Mondays between 5:00pm and 11:00pm, excluding federal holidays.



buy permits online April 1st!

St. Patrick's Day weekend serves as the unofficial "reopening" of Dewey Beach. Many establishments that have been closed during the winter months reopen their doors to welcome visitors once again. We're excited to see you, and we strive to provide a safe environment for all to enjoy!

THE CELEBRATION BEGINS!

Ask a local service industry worker, and they'll tell you how excited they are to welcome you back to Dewey Beach! After a quiet winter, we are ready for the excitement that spring and summer brings. Be kind, be patient! We're here to ensure you have a good time!

We've said it once, we'll say it again. When you're here, you're part of the Dewey Beach family. We share the responsibility of everyone's safety. Look out for one another, and help a fellow Dewey beachgoer if needed. Let's keep Dewey a safe place to have fun!

If you see something, say something! Report any suspicious behavior immediately to a facility worker or police officer. If at any time you feel unsafe, ask for help!

Protect yourself and others. Never drive under the influence. Plan ahead! Consider scheduling your Uber or Lyft rides ahead of time in your app.

FIRST RESPONDERS

Prepare for increased police presence throughout the Delaware beach area. With larger crowds comes an increase in emergency vehicles.

Delaware law requires motorists to move over for all stopped police, emergency vehicles and tow trucks. If you see emergency lights, you must move over a lane until you've passed the emergency vehicle.

During times of high pedestrian traffic, police officers may be on site to discourage loitering. If you are asked to move out of a location, please do so. Crowd control is done in the interest of public safety.

There is a strict curfew for minors in town. No person under the age of 18 is permitted on the beaches, streets or sidewalks after 11:00pm, unless they are working or running an errand for a guardian. If your child is out and about after curfew, they, as well as their guardian, could be subject to a fine. The goal of our police officers is to protect your children. Please assist us in this effort, and ensure your kids are home safe before 11:00pm.



ARE YOU READY

DEWEY BEACH PATROL 2024



**DON'T DELAY!
TESTING
BEGINS MID-
MARCH!**



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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[APPLY NOW](#)



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, 2024 through April 30, 2025 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, 2024 and April 30, 2025, you must first obtain a rental license. Paying by check? You may submit your forms by mail now for processing April 1st.



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 2024-2025 until it is paid.

Questions?

We're here to help!

[contact us!](#)

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 for holiday happenings!

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Dewey Egg Scoop

Join us, and the Easter Bunny, at the Dewey Egg Scoop on Saturday, March 30th!

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news brief

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

ACCOMMODATIONS TAX

Did you rent your Dewey Beach property during the off-season? [Accommodations tax](#) is due April 15th!

UPCOMING MEETINGS

- March 1st - Planning & Zoning Commission
- March 8th - Dewey in Bloom Information Session
- March 15th - Town Council
- March 19th - Board of Adjustment

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.

PEDESTRIAN SAFETY PROJECT

At last month's Town Council meeting, DeIDOT provided a presentation regarding further pedestrian safety upgrades. This includes more curb bump-outs, continuing the post-and-rope barrier down the center median, reconstruction of driveways and entrances to meet ADA compliance, and signing and striping changes. This project is estimated to begin in winter of 2024. To view the DeIDOT presentation, [click here](#). We'll keep you updated on this project in future newsletters.

TAKE THE POLL

In our pursuit to provide healthy, family-friendly activities throughout Dewey Beach, the town is investigating the idea of providing kayak/stand-up paddle board storage for the public. The rack(s) would be conveniently located on the bay, close to a kayak launch area. We would like to gauge interest in this idea prior to moving forward with this potential project.



MARCH HOLIDAYS

Town administrative offices will be closed on Friday, March 29th in observance of Good Friday.



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