



MAY 2024

DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach

Happy Memorial Day Weekend!

This month marks the start of summer for all of our coastal towns. We've been working hard during the off-season to prepare for Summer 2024, and we're excited to welcome you all back to the beach here in Dewey!

We'd also like to extend our sincere thanks to our Dewey residents and visitors who have served, and continue to serve in the armed forces. We honor you not just on Memorial Day, but every day. Thank you for your service.



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TOWN MANAGER'S

Update

Glad to see May has finally arrived. The Town is set, we have hired our summer lifeguards, seasonal police officers, and our parking and dog ambassadors. We could use a couple more parking ambassadors (salary at \$18.00 an hour with flexible working hours). Apply [here](#) if interested! Many thanks to our Dewey Team staff for the hard work getting the town ready for the summer!

Here's the latest in what you need to know:

- DeIDOT informed the town on April 25th that paving in the Town of Dewey Beach will NOT take place this spring. The new date for paving is after October 1st. This is great news!
- Lifeguards will begin patrol Saturday of Memorial Day Weekend at 10am.
- The Town Hall Front Office will be open on the weekends starting May 18th. Friday from 8am to 6pm, Saturday from 9am to 3pm, and Sundays from 10am to 2pm.
- The Dewey in Bloom planter boxes will be installed around town starting on May 2nd and 3rd with flowers being planted in the boxes on the 4th. Great job by all DIB volunteers.
- The Town has identified several "Moped Parking" spots on streets near RT 1 and the beach dune crossings. These moped parking spaces are "test spots" for the summer. If they get little to no use they will not be placed after the re-paving project in the fall.
- Paid parking starts May 15th, get your permits now!
- All parking zones in Town are now designated as zone 4012 for easier parking and payments through the Park Mobile app.
- The Arts & Fun Festival is Saturday May 11th sponsored by the Dewey Beach Business Partnership. It will take place on Dickinson Street Bayside in the Rusty Rudder Parking Lot.
- A reminder, state law prohibits the use of marijuana in public and by anyone under the age of 21 years old. The town will be enforcing this state law and making arrests when necessary.
- Nothing can be installed in the town's right-of-way with out the town's permission. This includes all types of signage, trees, bushes, flowers, and any type of landscaping. The only exception is a US mailbox.

Lastly, I'd like to thank Mario Giovannini from Bellevue Street for his continued dedication to keep Dewey Beach looking beautiful. You will see Mario out daily on the streets in Dewey keeping them clean. THANK YOU!



-Bill

MEMORIAL DAY

Weekend

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

This month marks the unofficial start of summer, and with it comes the crowds of Dewey-lovers who are excited to get the party started!

Town leadership works hard during the off-season to prepare for the summer months. This often brings necessary changes to our daily operations while we grow and adapt to the needs of our residents and visitors.

Here are the key changes for 2024 that all visitors should know. As always, we are here to assist you. Reach out to town staff with any questions prior to the start of your vacation. We can't wait to see you!

[CONTACT US](#)

WE'RE HERE TO HELP

NEW TOWN HALL HOURS IN EFFECT 5/17

M - TH 8:00AM - 5:00PM
FRIDAY 8:00AM - 6:00PM
SATURDAY 9:00AM - 3:00PM
SUNDAY 10:00AM - 2:00PM



BAY BEACH

Buoy lines at the bay beach have been repositioned with the goal of increasing the swimming area and protecting bathers from boats and jet skis. This has become a high traffic area for water recreation activities. Boaters should take note of these new buoy lines and keep plenty of space between their vessel and the buoys.



BONFIRES

Bonfire booking is now available [online!](#) Avoid the line at Town Hall and book whenever is convenient for you. Be sure to follow all clean-up instructions - failure to do so will result in a fine. We expect this system to result in more bonfire bookings. We encourage you to reserve your desired location early!



PARKING

In order to meet our public safety and staffing needs, parking fees have increased this year. Free parking hours have also been amended to Mondays only from 5 - 11pm. Looking for low cost transit options? The [Jolly Trolley](#) and [DART Beach Bus](#) begin summer service this month! [Click here](#) for more Parking FAQ.



planting day may 4th

Our Dewey in Bloom team has been working hard to prepare for the official project kickoff. The “bloom boxes” will be placed throughout town starting on May 1st, with planting scheduled for May 4th at 10:00am! We encourage everyone in town to take a stroll the morning of May 4th, meet our volunteers and see all of the bloom boxes. While our plants are small, we’re excited to see them grow and bloom over the coming weeks.

We have assembled our volunteer groups for Planting Day, but we’re always welcoming additional members to join a group to assist with ongoing maintenance throughout the summer!

[volunteer today!](#)





SPRING CLEANUP IS BACK!



Thanks to a generous offer from DPM Trash Trailers, dumpsters will be provided at no cost for Rehoboth and Dewey property owners to dispose of any residential trash. Damaged or broken household items? This is your chance to clear out the clutter for free!

[> LEARN MORE](#)

SATURDAY, MAY 4TH
9AM - 3PM

DAGSWORTH AVE
BAYSIDE
(past Bay Resort entrance)

Arrive Early!

Once the dumpsters are full, they will be removed!

Service provided for Rehoboth or Dewey property owners only.

Prohibited items include tires, batteries, chemical and hazardous items, appliances, asphalt, dirt, concrete, red brick, roofing materials, paint or flammable liquids.

Do you have furniture or household items in good condition? **Go Green!** Contact GreenDrop or Habitat for Humanity for donation opportunities.

Common

GROUND

DEWEY BEACH BOASTS A CULTURE OF ENERGY, FUN, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, FREEDOM. AS “STEWARDS OF THE BEACH,” OUR TOWN LEADERSHIP BELIEVES IN BALANCING NECESSARY BEACH RESTRICTIONS WITH THE LAID BACK “WAY OF LIFE” THAT WAS THE KEY FOUNDATION OF DEWEY BEACH. HOW DO WE MANAGE THIS BALANCE? RESPECT FOR EACH OTHER AND OUR COMMON GROUND.



RECURRING ACTIVITIES

Yoga, fitness, skim boarding and more!
Our beach vendors operate under contract to provide the activities you love. Learn [when and where](#) these are held, and share that piece of the beach during that time. We're all here to have fun!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Weddings, picnics, bonfires and gatherings, Dewey is where memories are made. We require [event permits](#) to help prevent overbooking of space. If you see event setup in progress, be considerate in allowing some space for the group.

TENTS & CANOPIES

When setting up your tents, umbrellas, chairs and blankets, we like to say “take the space you need, but leave what you can!” There's plenty of beach for all to enjoy, but be mindful that many families are staying at vacation homes or hotels on the same block, and therefore sharing a beach entrance. Some may have mobility issues, or young children, and need to set up close to their beach entrance. While canopy tents and multiple umbrellas are permitted, consider only taking the space you need. You might just be making beach access easier for someone who truly needs it!

DOGS

One of the most unique attributes of Dewey is our dog-friendly atmosphere. Dogs are free to enjoy Dewey's beaches throughout the year with a town dog [license](#). For more info on dogs in Dewey, see page 8!

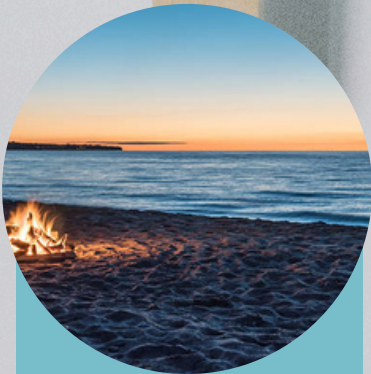
QUIET PLEASE

While amplified music is not permitted, everyone can enjoy their favorite tunes on personal-size speakers. Be mindful that those nearby may be in need of some peace and just the sound of the waves! Keep volume low, or use headphones.

Be sure your sun shades and umbrellas are [secure](#).

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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Arts & Fun Festival

Join us on Dickinson Street and the bay on May 11th for the annual Dewey Arts & Fun Festival!

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So You Want To Be A Dewey Dog?

Most Importantly...



Dewey Dog owners always make sure to clean up after their pet. We provide pickup bags at each beach entrance, and trash cans on each side of the dune. Protect the health and safety of others, and our environment, and dispose of messes appropriately.



Well-behaved, trained dogs may enjoy the beach off-leash, but must remain under their owner's control. If your dog does not respond to recall or commands, use a leash.



We love and respect all dogs, and understand some are more reactive than others. Know your dogs limits and avoid busy areas if your dog is easily stressed. Use a short lead and other safety gear if needed. No matter the dog, every owner should know how to prevent, and manage an altercation.



Living the Dream

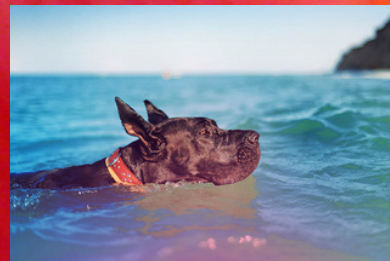
Every dog wants to be a Dewey Dog! If your pup is ready to live the dream and experience the beach this summer, we're here to let you in on the secrets that will have everyone thinking "now that dog is a local!" After all, Dewey Dogs know the rules, the culture, and how to navigate the town while keeping themselves and others safe and happy. When you're here, you're family, and our four-legged friends are no exception!



With a town license, from the Saturday of Memorial Day weekend through the Sunday following Labor Day, dogs may be on the beach before 9:30a and after 5:30p. Outside of these dates, dogs can enjoy the beach anytime.



Many shops and eateries with outside seating are kind enough to welcome well-behaved dogs. Be aware these locations are often busy. Keep your dog under your control. Never bring an aggressive dog to a restaurant or shop.



Some dogs just want to enjoy a game of fetch with their owner, or a swim in the ocean. Don't assume that all dogs want to meet yours! Ask fellow owners about their dogs before approaching. Share the beach, and allow everyone space.

News Brief

Congratulations to Dave Lyons on being chosen as Dewey's Volunteer of the Year for 2024! Dave serves as a member of our Planning & Zoning Commission, as well as chairperson of the Charter & Code Review Committee. He is a dedicated volunteer who exemplifies true leadership and teamwork. Dave will be honored at the Rehoboth-Dewey Chamber of Commerce Awards Luncheon on May 8th.



Upcoming Meetings

May 7th - Marketing Committee

May 17th - Town Council

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

MEETING CALENDAR & AGENDAS



Welcome back, Dewey Beach Patrol!

The DBP will be back to guard our beaches starting Memorial Day Weekend. [Click here](#) for more info.

Paving Project

The town paving project has been postponed to the fall. For questions regarding this project, contact DeIDOT at (302) 853-1330.

Dewey Beach Police Website

Our police department website is getting an upgrade! [Visit the site](#) for information on programs and services offered by the Dewey Beach Police.





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