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DELAWARE'S FAVORITE PLAYGROUND

Official Newsletter of The Town of Dewey Beach



Spring In Our Step

We're thawing out of our snowy winter here in Dewey and stepping into spring! Some of our favorite spring events have returned, along with some new activities to look forward to. In this issue, we introduce you to the Climate Change Committee, get your voice heard with some help from the Delaware League of Local Governments, and of course, prepare to plant with Dewey in Bloom!

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TOWN MANAGER'S

Update

I hope April brings some warmer weather soon, because summer is not that far away! Speaking of summer, for the first time in the four years that I've been your Town Manager, we are *fully staffed* with our seasonal team members - Lifeguards, Police Officers, Parking and Dog Ambassadors! We are ready for summertime! Our maintenance team continues to work hard getting the town ready for peak season by making new trash can bins, trimming tree branches, marking faded driveway entrances, painting the lifeguard chairs, and getting the dune mats ready for installation.

Always keeping public safety as our number one goal, DeIDOT's sidewalk/driveway project has been completed in the main part of town. Sidewalks have been widened and made ADA compliant. In an effort to keep folks from jay-walking, the center island post and ropes project continues, and should be completed by April 21st. Once the center island work is completed, DeIDOT will work on landscaping, flowers, and plantings in those areas. The yellow flashing crossing beacons will be lowered to ensure vehicle operators can see them. DeIDOT will also be repainting the pedestrian crosswalk markings on Coastal Highway. The "Welcome to Dewey Beach" sign has been relocated to the area of Coastal Highway and Bayard Ave, closer to the town boundary. DeIDOT has been made aware of some areas where water is collecting along the highway, and is considering ways to mitigate this issue. I'd like to thank everyone for their patience during this project!

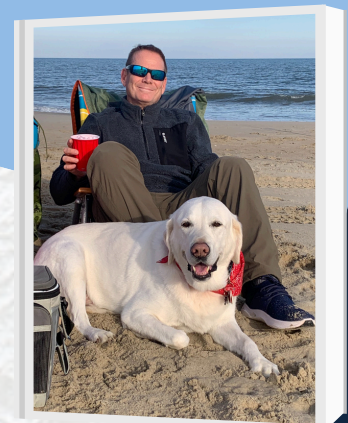
The town has installed a kayak rack on the Van Dyke Bay Beach. Storing kayaks on the racks will be available starting Memorial Day to Labor Day for \$100.00. The kayak reservation form will be available on the town webpage starting in May.

We are looking forward to the Dewey Beach Partnership Egg Scoop on Van Dyke Bay Beach on the 19th. The Dewey Beach Civic League's "A History of Dewey Beach" presentation will take place from 4pm to 6pm on April 26th at the Hyatt's Sunset Room. A special thanks to the Hyatt!

The town hopes to start Phase 1 of the new Town Hall/public safety building at the end of the month. Phase 1 is estimated to take 430 days to complete. Phase 2, the EMS building, will take 170 days to complete.

Thanks to Dewey in Bloom for the beautiful flowers around town !

-Bill



climate change committee

Get to know one of Dewey's volunteer committees, and learn what they're working on to benefit *you*.

The Dewey Beach [Climate Change Committee](#) was created in 2022 at the suggestion of Commissioner Gary Persinger, with the goal of enhancing strategies and resilience to rising sea levels to protect our town in the face of climate change. The committee also seeks to promote public understanding of key factors such as flood zone designation and associated [flood risks](#).

The group often forms smaller subcommittees to research specific challenges, recruiting the assistance of [RASCL](#) (Resilient and Sustainable Communities League), [Center for the Inland Bays](#), and leadership of neighboring towns to share ideas and discuss where change is needed.

Over two years of work were spent on the goal of increasing the town's mandatory freeboard - a flood mitigation strategy that was first endorsed by the Climate Change Committee. With the support of the Planning Commission and the Town Council, Ordinance [846](#) was approved, and related Ordinances [849](#) and [850](#) soon followed.

The committee meets every 2-3 months to continue their discussions. Visit our [YouTube](#) channel to watch recent meetings.

WHAT WE'RE WORKING ON...

Homeowner Flood Education Strategies
Establishing a Town Resiliency Fund
Legislation for Storm Reconstruction Measures
Flood Preparedness for Local Businesses



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MEETINGS**



rise & shine

...sunny days ahead for dewey in bloom!

Our sponsorships are complete for the 2025 season! Thank you to all of our sponsors who have joined us this year. We're excited to create a beautiful floral design for each of you!

Missed out on a sponsorship? There are still ways to get involved!

Donate

Your donations ensure the continued growth and success of the Dewey in Bloom initiative. Thanks to general donations, we can explore new projects for the community to enjoy.

Volunteer

We are always accepting new volunteers to join the team in any capacity. This year we look forward to adding more group gatherings for our volunteers to enjoy! This is a great opportunity to serve your community and make new friends in your area.

Attend Our Fundraising Event

Join us on Tuesday, April 22nd at Big Fish Grill at 20298 Coastal Highway in Rehoboth! From 12pm - 9pm, Big Fish Grill will donate 15% of net sales to Dewey in Bloom (does not include takeout from BF Market). We can't wait to see you there!

Many thanks to Big Fish Grill for offering to support Dewey in Bloom!

planting day
may 18th



DELAWARE LEAGUE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

Legislative Advocacy Committee

In January, Dewey Beach Commissioner Paul Bauer was elected to a 2-year term to serve on the Delaware League of Local Governments (DLLG). The League is comprised of nine elected officials from across the state, three from each county. Commissioner Bauer will be speaking with the DLLG Legislative Advocacy Committee regarding the House and Senate Bills listed below.

We encourage you to review the proposed legislation below, and contact Commissioner Bauer with your thoughts at paulbauer@townofdeweybeach.com.



HB 67

Towing of Vehicles



SB 290

The Wetlands Act



HB 48

Accessible Parking



HB 59

Publication of Names & Photos of Crime Suspects



Housing Supply & Innovation Frameworks Act



HB

Recordings of Meetings of Public Bodies



SB 65

Termination of Greenhouse Gas Initiative



SB 72

Public Drinking Water Systems



HB

Accessory Dwelling Units

As you know, state and federal legislative decisions affect *all* Delawareans. A few recent bills have had a strong impact on our community, such as the short-term rental tax and property reassessment. We want to keep you informed *before* these bills become law, so you can be a part of the conversation!

COUNTDOWN

Summer 2025

61

days until Memorial Day

get vacation ready

Seasonal parking permits available starting April 1st!



It's never too early to book your beach bonfire!
Enjoy a beach fire during your vacation - book online today!



New furry addition to the family?
Skip the line and license your dog online today!



Where the Fun Never Ends!

DEWEY BEACH HOSTS A VARIETY OF EVENTS ALL YEAR LONG!



Dewey Beach History

The Dewey Beach Civic League will host a presentation on the History of Dewey Beach on April 26th from 4-6pm at the Hyatt Hotel.

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Dewey Egg Scoop

Get ready for the Dewey Business Partnership spring events! Make your plans now to attend the annual Dewey Egg Scoop!

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Coastal DE Running Festival

The Coastal Delaware Running Festival makes their way to Dewey Beach for a 5K on April 12th! Register today - we'll see you at the finish line!

[READ MORE](#) 



Book an Event

We've always got summertime on our minds here in Dewey! Now is the time to book your wedding or event for spring/summer 2025!

[READ MORE](#) 

NEWS BRIEF

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OFFICERS!

During the March Town Council meeting, officers Dylan Dowling and Colby Buchert were both promoted to PFC. Adam Ur, a recent graduate of the Dover Police Academy, was sworn in as a full time officer. Congratulations!

BUSINESS CHECK STICKERS

Business owners may notice stickers placed on their door by the Dewey Beach Police Department. The DBPD routinely checks business locations after hours to ensure doors are secure and there is no sign of suspicious activity. Stickers will be dated and timestamped. No action is required on your part - the notification sticker is a courtesy from the DBPD.

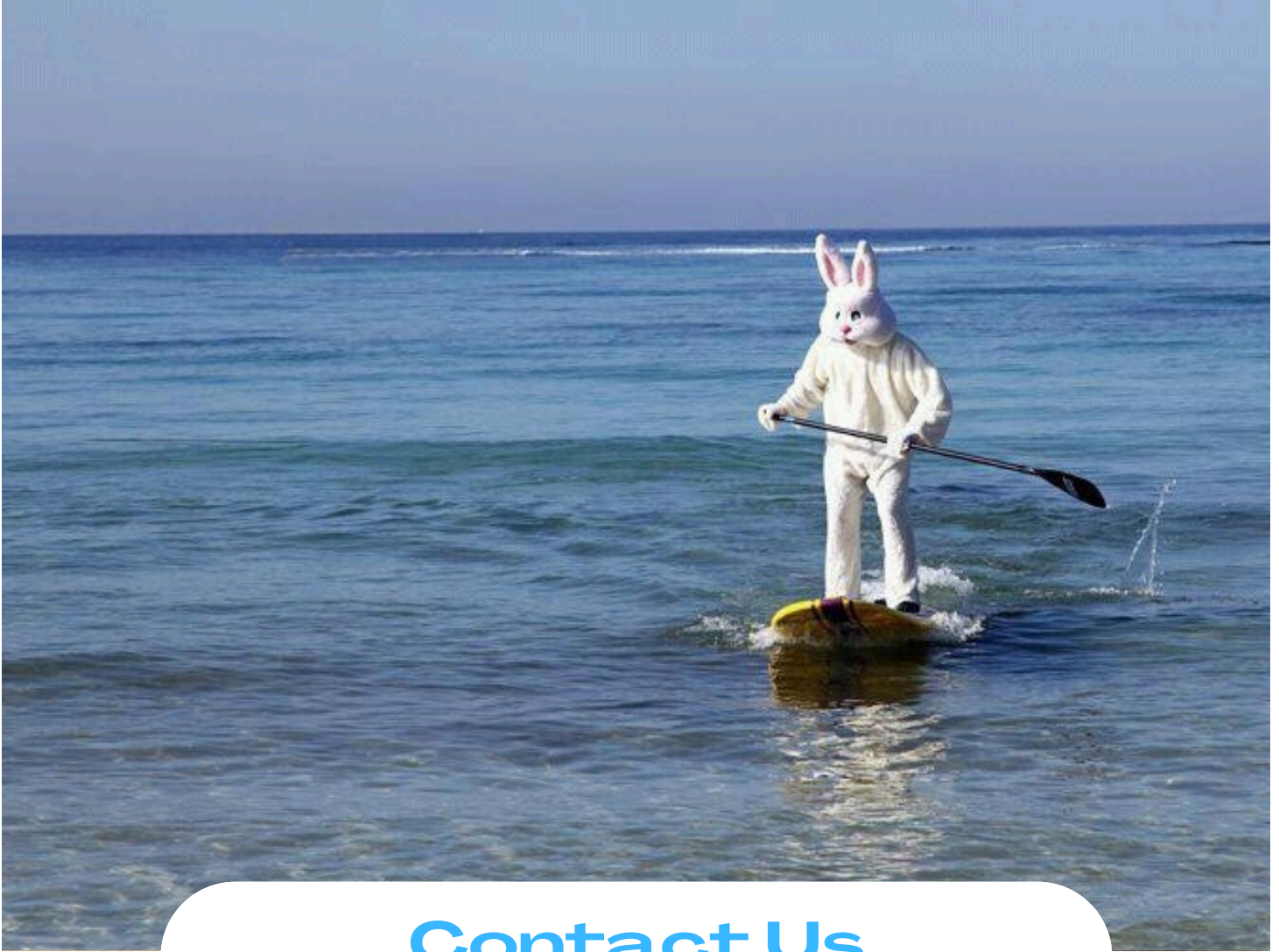
UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 25 - Town Council Meeting
May 17 - Climate Change Committee Meeting

[LEARN MORE](#) 

DELMARVA POWER MAINTENANCE PROJECT

Delmarva Power will be performing preventative maintenance on its transmission system in Dewey Beach during the first two weeks of May. Two transmission poles are slated for replacement, one on Dagsworthy Ave and another on Bayard Ave. A handful of customers may have service interruptions. Delmarva Power will contact customers prior to planned outages.



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