

May 24, 2024



From the Mayor's Office

"If there's heaven for me, I'm sure it has a beach attached to it," according to Jimmy Buffett. We're all looking forward to another wonderful summer in beautiful Bethany Beach. Maybe not exactly heavenly, with the need for sunscreen and an occasional rainy day. But our Town staff will make it come close.

Each summer we almost triple our staff to ensure public safety, our first priority, the maintenance of public services and provision of entertainment and activities for our residents and tens of thousands of visitors. There's a lot of planning and work in that, including hiring and training lifeguards, seasonal police and code enforcement officers and reinforcements for our dedicated Public Works staff. Thanks to our Town Manager and incredible staff we're well prepared.

The summer season began with our traditional Memorial Day ceremony, conducted by VFW Post 7234, to remember and honor all the men and women in the military who sacrificed their lives for our country and our freedom. Because of them we're free to enjoy this summer and our everyday lives.

In enjoying the summer, there's a lot to do. Or, if you prefer, do nothing. The Town has a full schedule of events planned for everyone. Be sure to read the article about all the new acts being added to our Seaside Concerts. And, if you can't see them in person, learn how you'll be able to enjoy them live streamed beginning this summer. For other things to do, read about the Nature Center. And don't miss our Museum on Garfield Parkway, across from Central Park. Or just enjoy the beach, the reason that brought so many here. In between, there are plenty of restaurants and stores both east and west of Route 1. Be sure to check out all the other useful and important information in this issue.

So, whatever the activity or just sitting by the ocean, we hope everyone enjoys a safe, happy and maybe even heavenly summer in Bethany Beach.

Rosemary Hardiman

Bethany Beach Appoints Patrick Foley Police Chief

BETHANY BEACH – The Bethany Beach Town Council voted unanimously to appoint Sergeant Patrick Foley as Police Chief at its Monday, April 15th meeting. Foley has been serving as the Town's Officer in Charge since January.

Foley was initially hired for the BBPD in 2006 where he has since steadily progressed through the ranks. In his 18-year tenure he has served in many capacities while earning the respect of his fellow officers and the community that he serves.

Foley's leadership skills emerged early on as a summer police officer where he was quickly promoted to Seasonal Supervisor. His comprehensive background in law enforcement and work ethic has given him the skill set to master the challenge of new roles from Public Information Officer and Community Relations Officer to Patrol Sergeant and CALEA Accreditation Manager. (Bethany is in the 5% of law enforcement agencies nationwide that is accredited by The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This coveted achievement is considered the "gold standard" in public safety.)

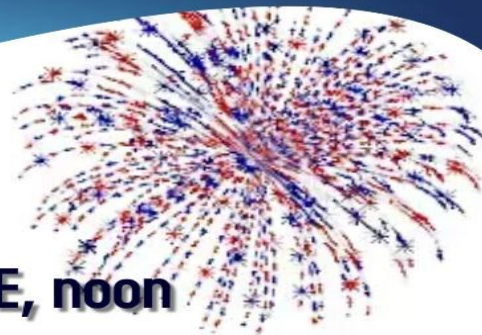
"I was surprised by the decision," says Foley. "I really enjoy working for the Town and community. I've learned a lot in my time here so far and am looking forward to what lies ahead."

Originally from Massachusetts, Foley lives in Delaware and is active in the Bethany Beach community with outreach events and initiatives. He has twice received the Chamber's prestigious "Officer of the Year" award in 2007 and 2014.



THURSDAY, JULY 4TH, 2024
DOWNTOWN BETHANY BEACH

**4TH OF
JULY**



PARADE, noon
AWARDS, 7:15
CONCERT, 7:30
FIREWORKS, dusk*

*depends on beach conditions



Collector T-shirts are for sale at concerts and movies
leading up to July 4th, while supplies last!



Concert by The 1974
www.townofbethanybeach.com

Bethany Beach Unveils New Tourism App

BETHANY BEACH –The Town of Bethany Beach is launching a new resource for its tourists and residents called *Bethany Life*. This user-friendly application will function the same way as those downloaded from the App Store, however it can be accessed from any device with no login required. The Town will continue to maintain its current website (TownofBethanyBeach.com) with an all-encompassing approach to Bethany Beach municipal information. *Bethany Life* will offer a quick reference to key facts that make a trip to the beach a successful one, namely beach rules, lodging, and area Information as well as daily updates on what to do and where to eat. The app even allows for real-time alerts in the event of emergencies or time-sensitive notifications. *Bethany Life* is just one more way the Town of Bethany Beach is keeping its visitors and residents informed and entertained. To see the live site, visit: <https://bethanylife.app/>

Bethany Life



Hurricane Season is Here!



The National Hurricane Center is predicting a busy hurricane season (June 1st through November 30th) for 2024. The more you are prepared for the potential impact of a strong hurricane the safer and more secure you and your family will be. Attached to this article is a flyer that covers topics like evacuations and emergency preparedness. You will see several internet links for quick and easy access to information in the flyer:

1) [Ready.gov](https://www.ready.gov) — provides lists on how to take care of your house, pets, and creating an emergency preparedness kit, 2) [Dema.delaware.gov](https://dema.delaware.gov) — DEMA (Delaware Emergency Management Association) serves as the state's emergency management agency and provides updates on storms, evacuation orders, and emergency preparedness, 3) Townofbethanybeach.com/357/CodeRed — CodeRed enables the Town to push out notifications via text messages and phone calls to keep our community informed of the latest developments, and 4) [NOAA.gov/hurricane-prep](https://www.noaa.gov/hurricane-prep) — Provides hurricane updates and hurricane preparedness.

DEMA (Delaware Emergency Management Agency) has created evacuation zones for the State. These zones prioritize the evacuation areas at a greatest risk from wind damage and flooding. **Bethany Beach is in Zone A.** You can find more information regarding evacuation and preparedness at the DEMA site: PrepareDE.org

Please take the time to visit these links and make sure you are prepared this hurricane season it's supposed to be a busy one.

People with Special Needs and Evacuation

The Town of Bethany Beach is currently updating its response plans for natural disasters and would like to know which of our residents might require special attention in the event of an evacuation order preceding a hurricane. People on our Special Needs list are contacted early in the Town's preparation for possibly being impacted by a storm. That contact is maintained during and through an evacuation and if needed the Police Department will help facilitate evacuation for the individual. This information is vital for the Police Department as it works to make sure all of our residents are out of harm's way.

If you believe you or a family member would benefit from being on our Special Needs list falls please take a moment and complete the form provided in the link below.

Once completed, please email it to justin.norman@cj.state.de.us, or it can be mailed to the Bethany Beach Police Department, P.O. Box 109, Bethany Beach, DE 19930.

[Special Needs Form](#)



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ARE YOU PREPARED?

EXPERTS PREDICTING A BUSY HURRICANE SEASON IN 2024 (JUNE 1 - NOV 30)

NAMED STORMS

20-25

HURRICANES

8-12

MAJOR HURRICANES

4-7

DIRECT US IMPACTS

4-6



Hurricane Preparedness

Know Your Risk: Water & Wind

weather.gov/hurricane



Consider your threats: storm surge, flooding from heavy rain, strong winds, tornadoes, rip currents



Determine if you live in a flood-prone area



Find out if you live in an evacuation zone



Identify your home's structural risks (mobile homes & basements can be especially vulnerable)



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS



MAKE A PLAN



BUILD A KIT



BE INFORMED

USEFUL LINKS

- * <https://ready.gov/plan>
- * <https://dema.delaware.gov>
- * <https://www.townofbethanybeach.com/357/CodeRED>
- * <https://www.noaa.gov/hurricane-prep>

<https://preparede.org/know-your-zone/>

- STAY IN THE KNOW
- MAKE A PLAN
- SAFEGUARD DOCUMENTS
- PLAN WITH NEIGHBORS
- KNOW EVAC ROUTES
- UPDATE SUPPLIES
- DOCUMENT & INSURE
- PRACTICE EMERGENCY DRILLS



Chief Patrick Foley
Bethany Beach PD



PrepareDE.org

RESOURCES FAQ VOLUNTEER SELECT LANGUAGE

MAKE A PLAN BUILD A KIT STAY INFORMED EMERGENCY TYPES EVENTS EVACUATION TIP

Find your zone by using the Lookup Tool or clicking on the Interactive Evacuation Zone Map. Be sure to write your zone down, share it with family and friends and include it in your evacuation plan.

1. Use the Evacuation Zone Lookup Tool

Enter your address into the field below to find your zone and evacuation status.

Address: 214 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, Delaware 19930, United States

Zone: A

Status: Normal

2. Use the Interactive Evacuation Zone Map

Click on the interactive map or the "Find My Zone" button below and follow the prompts to find your zone.

Bethany Plans Major Improvement to its Water Treatment Facility

The Town of Bethany Beach's Public Water Utility has delivered quality tap water to Bethany Beach residents for decades. Today, the Water Department delivers over 150,000,000 gallons of water to 3500 customers a year and on peak summer days produces over 1,200,000 gallons, per day.

Our tap water comes from 4 wells that draw from the Pocomoke-Ocean City aquifer and the Manokin aquifer. Fortunately, these are deep aquifers. Deep aquifers are far less susceptible to infiltration from man-made chemicals and bacteria. The Town's potable water is pumped from depths greater than 230 feet! Deep aquifers do have one negative however: water they produce often contain naturally occurring minerals like iron and magnesium, sometimes in large quantities.



In fact, iron is problematic in our aquifers and the first thing our water treatment facility does when water is pumped to the facility is remove iron. The plant uses a device called a clarifier that separates the iron from the water, allowing it to fall into a sump where it is pumped to a retention pond. In an average year, 90,000 gallons of iron sludge is pumped from this retention pond. The device that separates iron from our water is a critical piece of infrastructure.

The clarifier is reaching the end of its useful life (30+ years) and engineering used in its initial design is dated and impacts its effectiveness. The Town has asked its engineers to offer options and recommendations for the construction of a new clarifier and these options and recommendations were reviewed in a recent Town Council Workshop (April 15th, 2024).

Our engineers offered the Council four options to consider, and their recommendation creates needed redundancy in our treatment system by building a modern clarifier adjacent to the existing clarifier. The existing clarifier would then be used daily as a settling basin, and back-up as needed for the new clarifier when it is taken off-line. Since the clarifier is a critical component in creating potable water for our community, a redundant system is a significant improvement to our water treatment process.

The Town Council has not decided which option they will select at this time but will do so in the near future at a Public Meeting. Costs for improvements to the clarifier range from 1.4 million dollars to 2.4 million. The engineer's recommendation is estimated to cost 2 million dollars.

In conjunction with the Town Council's future decision regarding the clarifier, the Town is exploring how it will finance the clarifier improvement. The Town will be retiring existing debt on its new water tower in December 2025. We foresee being able to secure a new 20-year loan with an incredible 2.5% interest rate from a Revolving Fund the state maintains for improvements to municipal water systems. With planning those payments would begin in December of 2025. This would result in residents seeing no increase in fees or rates.

If the Town Council does decide to pursue a 20-year loan, approval for that loan will be brought to a voter referendum. The Town Charter requires a voter referendum for loans that indebt the Town for 20 years or more. That referendum would, in all likelihood, be synced to coincide with the Town's municipal election in September.

OPEN

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays
May through October
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**FREE
ADMISSION**

**FREE
PARKING**



These walls can talk.

Built in 1903, and having served as an early post office, the Dinker-Irvin Cottage is one of the few remaining original cottages in Bethany Beach and the oldest public building in town. It stood watch as the area grew into a thriving cultural beach community and is now home to the Bethany Beach Dinker-Irvin Museum.

Come discover the history behind these walls,
and see what they have to tell you.



318 Garfield Parkway, Bethany Beach, DE (across from Central Park)

www.townofbethanybeach.com



Bethany Beach Stormwater & Flood Committee Has Busy 2024



The Bethany Beach Stormwater & Flood Committee has had a busy and successful 2023/2024 and is looking at an information packed Fall. Our “Help the Town of Bethany Beach Fight Flooding” initiative with pamphlets and “A” frame signs spreading the word has gone quite well. Many of the pamphlets have been distributed with great feed back including surrounding community reach out reach out to use some of the information. Our fantastic committee team includes a member of the Center for the Inland Bays, a past and current consulting member of USACE, two wetlands and waterways surveyors, a past mayor and a past town council member.

Our meetings have updated our residents and those of surrounding communities on the numerous ongoing efforts of the Town as well as regional flood resilience efforts. They have included the proposed Loop Canal Flap Dam which has finally been proven by our engineers to prevent 95% of nuisance town flooding and that it will not adversely impact adjacent municipalities or unincorporated areas. This effort is now proceeding through the arduous and unfortunately lengthy permit process. Our Town’s Assistant Town Manager, Terry Tieman’s incredible grant efforts have landed the Town \$525K in federal and state grants toward the upcoming construction of Loop Canal bulkheads and a living shore line to reduce area erosion. The Town has contracted with the USGS to install ocean storm surge monitoring stations on the Loop and Assawoman Canals which can be viewed on the town website with “up to the minute” updates of flooding impact at any location around town.

We have hosted numerous area experts speaking on flood resilience topics including the April presentation by Asst Professor Ed Hale of the University of Delaware speaking on “Aquaculture and natural means of reducing erosion in the Back Bays”. Rob Nicholson of UDel spoke on “the Blue Economy” and economic as well as robotic efforts to improve resilience and the marine environment. Danielle Swallow of Delaware Sea Grant spoke on “Flood Resilient Communities” There is of course much interest and many efforts in pursuing flood resilience through out Coastal Delaware.

The Fall of 2024 will bring more speakers to Town with a representatives of DNREC joining us to speak on a topic of interest to every Bethany home owner, FEMA Flood Insurance. A second DNREC speaker will cover the new DNREC “I-ADAPT “ on line App which will provide customized preventative steps each home owner can take on your individual property to make your dwelling and lot the most resilient it can be. A very cool and free App.

Come join our meetings, all of which are open to the public and broadcast remotely through the town website. They are all well publicized thanks to our town events coordinator, Julie Malewski. We thank everyone who joined us during the 2023/24 off season and look forward to the fall.

Bethany Beach Farmers' Market Opening for 2024

The Bethany Beach Farmers' Market will open Sunday 6/2/24 for our 2024 and 18th season with our longstanding favorite vendors and some new additions. As always we are open from 8:00 am though noon on Sunday mornings through Labor Day Weekend in the PNC parking lot at the corner of Garfield Parkway and Pennsylvania Ave.. For everyone's convenience, there is always free parking in the gravel lot adjacent to the market. We are proud that our market is a non-profit, community-run, producers only market. Our invited vendors only sell products they grow, produce, or catch within 120 miles of Bethany Beach.

We have three fantastic new vendors joining us this season. Pereyra Farms from Newark, Maryland will feature a full spread of vegetables including melons, cantaloupes, corn, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, as well as farm fresh eggs. Dittmar Family Farms offers a young family practicing natural regenerative agriculture from Felton, DE. They will bring a full range of greens through most if not all of the summer as well as other vegetables, beef and goat soap. Our third new vendor is Derby Mills Flower Farm from Dover. Two sisters run Derby Mill growing some of the best flowers and botanicals around, all varieties of flowers, herbs and light vegetables.

Of course we will have our returning regulars including Bennett Orchards with blueberries and peaches; mushrooms from Davidson's Exotic Mushrooms; Herbs, Spice & Everything Nice brings USDA certified organic vegetables and plants; Lavender Fields of Warrington has a full spread of lavender products; Old Word Bread brings their irresistible breads and pastries, Honey Bee brings her honey, jellies & jams and baked products; and Harry with Wimbrow Farms will be there with a full complement of vegetables.

Story Hill farm has exciting news, as they recently acquired Henlopen Salts. They had previously been producing the salts on their farm in Frankford for Henlopen Salts, but now they are Henlopen Salts. They of course still offer their incredible spread of pork and beef products, free range eggs and their wide variety of peanut butters.

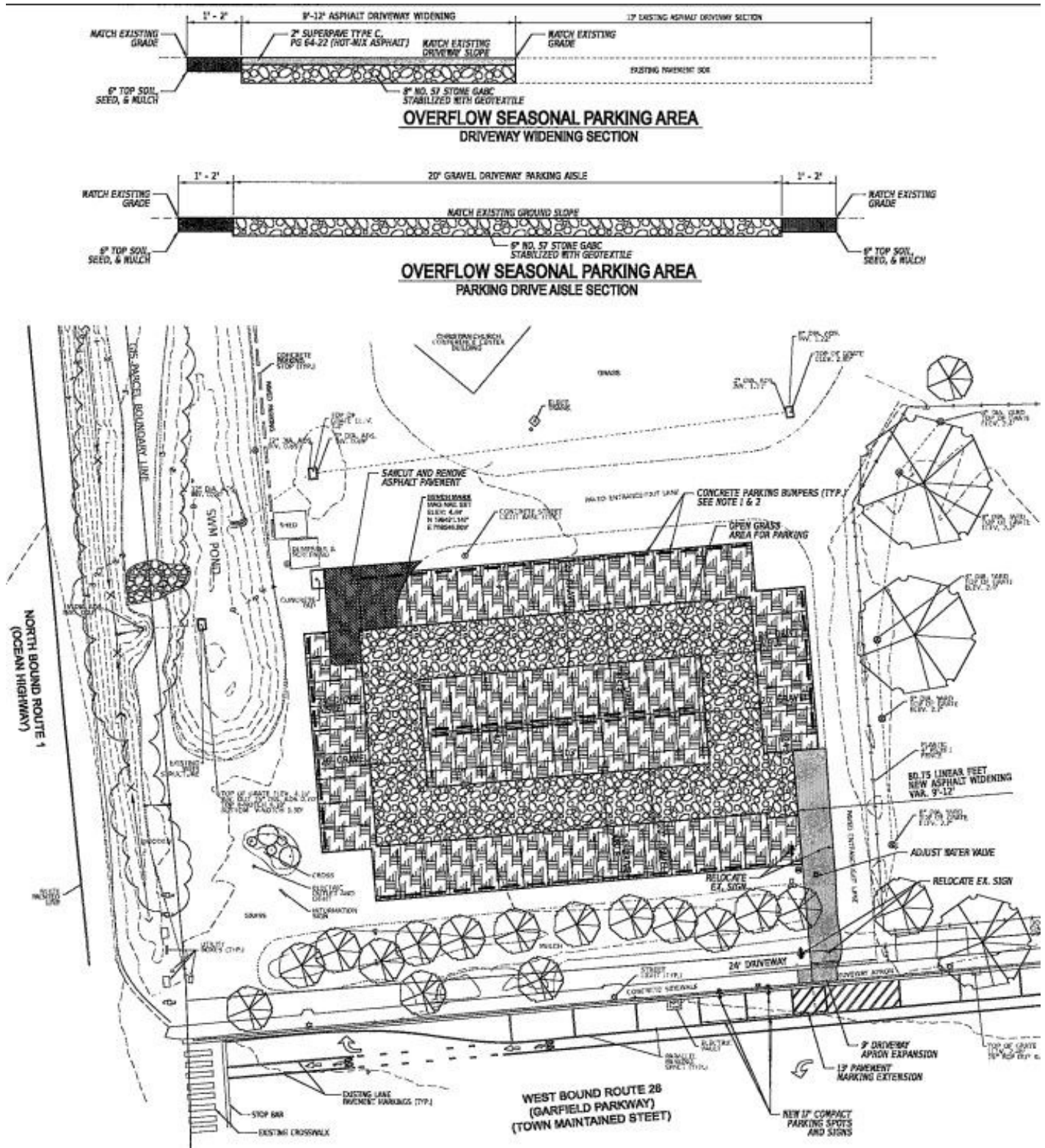
We must also mention our popular seafood duo of Jackie Blues Crabs and Shuck-it Oysters who are both relatively new to our market, but being in Bethany Beach during the summer tourist season, a no miss stop on anyone's trip through the market. They bring fresh Rehoboth Bay oysters, and crabs, crabcakes, salads, etc caught in Maryland and Virginia waters by a Cory Savage, a fifth generation crabber. They are picked and prepared by Jackie in their own Maryland licensed picking facility in Stockton, Maryland.

Come on down to the market this summer, the BEST Summer Sunday stop in down town Bethany Beach.



Bethany Adds 68 New Parking Spaces Downtown!

Bethany Beach has partnered with the Christian Church Conference Center to turn the southwest corner of the Conference Center into a Pay to Park municipal parking lot during the summer months. This lot will add 68 needed parking spaces downtown and help to take some of the parking pressure off downtown during the peak of the summer season. The Town will share revenue generated in this new parking lot with the Conference Center who will use it to support their summer programs.



The Town of Bethany Beach
PRESENTS

Poseidon Festival 2024

May 24th - 27th

Celebrate the sea and learn how to prepare for coastal emergencies
with live music, pirates, mermaids, & more!

**Downtown
Bethany Beach**



"A can't-miss event" - USA Today

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Are You OK?
Telephone Reassurance Program

Town of Bethany

R-U-OK Program

Telephone Reassurance Program



**CALL NOW
TO REGISTER
FREE OF
CHARGE!!**

Are you OK? Is your family member OK?

The Are You OK? Telephone Reassurance System eases the concern of those who may find it difficult to maintain consistent, reliable contact. Many seniors want the independence of living alone in their home along with the security of being monitored. The RUOK system brings a sense of comfort into every subscriber's home.

Each day at a pre-arranged time, RUOK automatically makes these computerized monitoring calls without interruption to normal community services. Whether it's the elderly, a homebound individual, or just someone who wants to be checked on, receiving a call on a daily basis helps to reassure well being and provides a feeling of security.

If you or a family member are interested in joining the RUOK program, contact the Bethany Beach Police Dept at 302-539-1000.

**Bethany Beach
Police**





SPEED LIMIT LOWERED TO 30 MPH ON DE ROUTE 26

After a lengthy request process the Delaware Department of Transportation has agreed to lower the speed limit on Route 26 from 35 MPH to 30 MPH. This change will take effect on Saturday June 1, 2024.



Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee

With the summer season upon us, the Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety Committee is working diligently to make sure this summer is fun and safe for our residents and visitors. We would like to this opportunity to update everyone on an exciting initiative. The Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) recently held a meeting on the North Bethany Bicycle and Pedestrian Corridor Study. DelDOT is investigating safety improvements along Route 1 from the northern border of Bethany Beach to the Indian River Bridge. During this meeting the representatives from DelDOT emphasized the importance of community input in this process.

Please visit the project website: [North Bethany Bicycle & Pedestrian Corridor Study](#). The website contains different options for the project and a survey. Whether you walk, bike or drive on Route 1, please take a few minutes of your time and fill out the survey.

We would like to extend invitations to everyone to several events scheduled this summer. Please stop by to see us on the Boardwalk on Sunday, May 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and at the Seaside Craft Show on Saturday, June 1st. Lastly, we are partnering with the Bethany Beach Police Department and DelDot to host two bicycle safety checkpoints in late July and early August. These events include plenty of free handouts including bike lights, trail maps and bike seat covers.

Help North Bethany Create a Safer Route 1

Communities north of Bethany Beach are requesting that the Delaware Department of Transportation lower the speed limit on Delaware Route 1 from the Indian River Inlet to Bethany Beach. Please help them with this request by taking a few minutes to fill out this survey.

[North Bethany Bicycle & Pedestrian Corridor Study - Public Survey](#)

Bethany Beach Adds Multiple New Acts to its 2024 Seaside Concerts

The 2024 Bethany Beach Seaside Concert Series will begin June 6th and continue through October 27th. Summer concerts will take place on Thursday nights in June, July, and August at 7:30. September and October shows will take place on Saturday and Sunday nights at 6:30. The Fourth of July week is an exception with nightly events Sunday through Thursday.

11 acts will be making their debut on the Bandstand. They will join an array of popular returning groups and crowd favorites. Audience polls show rock is still the number one requested genre, followed by tribute, then a tie for third between country and pop. The series will well represent these genres and support a broad demographic. “The audiences are accustomed to seeing show bands now,” says Events Director Julie Malewski. “They come to the Bandstand to appreciate the caliber of the talent, not just to listen to music.” The 2024 lineup will not disappoint.

The Dave Matthews Tribute Band is the only nationally touring tribute to DMB. The group will make a stop in Bethany on June 6th. The show delivers iconic sounds that DMB fans are drawn to such as high energy violin, jazzy saxophone, sparkling acoustic guitar, smooth bass, and explosive drumming. The following Thursday will feature **Cellofest**, a culmination of a week of classical cello instruction hosted in Bethany Beach by The Cello Museum.

July introduces the biggest number of new acts to the lineup. This year’s Fourth of July parade and fireworks will take place on Thursday, July 4th. **The 1974** will provide the evening entertainment, playing those big ‘70s hits by those little ‘70s bands.

Kids/teen nights will once again take place each Wednesday in July. Carnival Night on July 3rd will feature the return of children’s entertainer **Mr. Jon** followed by variety entertainer, **Boston Bachert**, who combines magic, juggling, circus arts, and more. **Mr. Hetfield’s Rock and Roll Summer Camp** will showcase this year’s new crop of young, local talent on July 31st.

July 11th features the unique stylings of the **U.S. Army Six-String Soldiers**. This five-member group is the most followed military music group in the world and performs country, Americana, and bluegrass music with unique acoustic covers. The powerful rock show by **7 Bridges: The Ultimate Eagles Experience** will take place on July 18th. This group uses no backup tracks or harmonizers as they faithfully execute the Eagles sound and deliver the perfect blend of hits to capture all levels of Eagles fans. Michigan singer-songwriter Kanin Wren channels Swifties with her **Taylor Swift Experience** on July 25th. Wren’s show incorporates fun choreography and multiple costume changes while covering hits from Swift’s album anthology.

August 1st brings local band Decade80 who will appeal to the “Headband Nation” with anthems from that decade. Parrotbeach will pay homage to the late great Jimmy Buffett with a summer season finale on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, September 1st.

Kenny Chesney fans will flock to No Shoes Nation Band on September 28th. Hailing from Boston, these 5 accomplished musicians pay tribute to country star Kenny Chesney whose showmanship and incredible catalog of Billboard hits sells out stadiums nationwide.

The Rock Orchestra returns for another year, but this time the gathering of Delaware Valley musicians will deliver note-for-note renditions of the Fleetwood Mac catalog on October 6th. All events are dependent upon weather and beach conditions. Summer movies will take place on Mondays on the beach off Garfield Parkway June 3rd through August 26th, and fall movies will be shown on Fridays on the Bandstand September 13th, 20th, and 27th all at dusk. Bonfires will take place in October.

The Town of Bethany Beach offers these and other events for free to the public including the Poseidon Festival and Songwriter Showcase. More details and weather updates will be posted at: www.townofbethanybeach.com under Activities and on social media pages: Facebook, Twitter (X), and Instagram (click the icon links at the top of the [homepage](#).)

2024 Seaside Concert Series



Beach Rules & Regulations

- No tents, canopies, tarps, or cabanas. Standard upright umbrellas and baby tents (no larger than three (3') feet high by four (4') feet wide by five (5') feet long and without grounding wires or ropes that extend beyond the perimeter of the device) are allowed
- No smoking or vaping unless in a designated smoking area
- No ball playing, tossing objects, kites, or fishing during lifeguard hours
- No alcoholic beverages or glass containers
- No boats or vehicles on beach
- No dogs May 15 through September 30
- No fires
- No littering
- Beach closed to public from 1:00 am to 5:00 am daily
- No sleeping on beach from 10:00 pm to 8:00 am
- No digging large holes in sand



JUNIOR LIFEGUARD PROGRAM – 2024

FOR BOYS & GIRLS AGES 10 – 15 YRS

Classes are usually limited to 10 participants per session, so register early. The cost is \$90.00 per session which includes uniform, instruction & supervision, and certificate of participation. (Only 1 session allowed per participant.) Session 1 – June 25 – June 27 3:30-6:00pm Session 2 – July 1 – July 3 3:30-6:00pm Session 3 – July 9 – July 11 3:30-6:00pm Session 4 – July 16 – July 18 3:30-6:00pm Session 5 – July 23 – July 25 3:30-6:00pm Session 6 – July 30 – Aug 1 3:30-6:00pm Session 7 – Aug 6 – Aug 8 3:30-6:00pm AGAIN THIS SUMMER-There will be two 6-week sessions from Jun 24 – Aug 6. Session 1 will be on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9:30–11:00am. Session 2 will be on Mondays & Wednesdays from 9:30 - 11:00am. The cost is \$250.00 for this program. (Regretfully, there will be no drop-ins this year) Requirements: All children must have had prior swimming lessons or possess adequate swimming skills. Although this program will provide stroke correction and improvement, this is not a swimming lesson!! Children must have reached age 10 before the start of their respective session. The goals and objectives of the program are: - to promote public education regarding beach and water safety - to provide training in water safety and beach skills - to promote health and fitness - to develop skills in teamwork & sportsmanship - to develop potential future lifeguards www.townofbethanybeach.com To Register: Scan the QR CODE.



Bethany Beach To Stream Concerts Live

The Town of Bethany Beach will begin live streaming its concerts this summer as a benefit to its YouTube subscribers. The Town is managing the project with an in-house team. Four cameras will capture the live video and audio from different angles to give viewers an in-person experience. “Attendance is at capacity on our busiest nights, according to Julie Malewski, Events Director. “Of course, we encourage people to come to the bandstand, but this will offer them an option in case they don’t feel well or don’t feel comfortable in crowds.”

Those who subscribe to the Town’s YouTube Channel will be given a link to view the concerts. To subscribe, visit <https://www.youtube.com/BethanyBeachGov>.



Top 10 Thing To Do in Bethany Beach

Come see why the Nature Center is consistently ranked one of the top 10 Things to Do in Bethany Beach on [TripAdvisor](#).

Pictured below is our Baldwin Trail, home to over 100 species of wild birds, diamond-back terrapins, minnows, reptiles, and amphibians.

Open year round, the Nature Center offers event-specific pastimes designed to encourage awareness of our Inland Bays and Wetlands while providing hands-on activities for all ages. Admission is free.



Thank you Lew!



For the last 18 years, I have had the great good fortune to have worked for and with Lew Killmer, in his many roles in Town government, as Town Council member, Vice Mayor, Mayor, Committee chair and member of many of Bethany's hard-working committees. Lew's incredible experience in municipal government has helped me in so many ways in my role as Town Manager.

Lew is stepping away from Town government for a variety of reasons, but his vision and creativity can be seen in so many ways and he has left an indelible mark on today's Bethany Beach. His direction and guidance to all of us in Town government will be sorely missed.

Thank you, Lew.
Cliff Graviet



