



THE TOWN OF Fenwick Island Delaware

A quarterly newsletter for the residents and visitors of Fenwick Island.

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Important Dates

Budget Meeting

April 27 @ 1pm

Town Bonfire

July 3, Dagsboro Street

Fenwick Flicks on the Beach

July 12, 26 and August 9
Bayard Street @ Dusk

Bike Safety Check Point

July 19, Bunting Avenue and
Bayard Street, 8-10am

Town Election

August 6, Town Hall, 1-5pm

4th Friday of Every Month*

Council Meeting

*PLEASE NOTE: The JUNE Council
meeting will be on June 17

**The Town Hall will be CLOSED
on the following dates:**

- May 30 for Memorial Day
- July 4 for Independence Day
- September 5 for Labor Day



Message from the Mayor

Fenwick Island welcomes Spring which means we will be seeing an influx of people in town. I want to emphasize the need for an increased awareness of safety issues, particularly pedestrians and bicyclists on the roadways throughout Town.

Again, I want to thank everyone for their tireless work on Council and Committees which enables the Town to continue to move forward and prosper. In addition, I would also like to give thanks to our citizens who regularly participate in Town affairs.

FIPD: Spring time in Fenwick Island

Well, we survived the winter and even an early spring snow. Now, it's time to clean up for the warm weather and get ready for the summer season in Fenwick Island.

VEHICLES

Please note that all vehicles must have state registration up-to-date and be properly maintained. This includes all cars, trucks and boat trailers. If a vehicle is not maintained it could be considered abandoned and possibly removed at the owner's expense.



PARKING

The Town of Fenwick Island's parking regulations begin on May 15th and run through September 15. We are a small town with limited parking and the spring and summer seasons present parking predicaments. We do our very best to be fair but we also request that everyone follow the established parking rules. If you are unsure of the parking regulations within Fenwick

Island, please go to fenwickisland.delaware.gov/index.aspx?NID=881 or stop in the Public Safety Building or Town Hall and pick up a handy Parking Information card. This will help answer all your questions and take the mystery out of where to park in Fenwick Island.

IMPORTANT

We have changed parking on West Indian Street. Beginning on May 15th, new signs and parking lines will prohibit parking on BOTH sides of that street. **Please take note of this important update.**

THANK YOU!

Our support staff and officers work hard to provide you with the best, possible law enforcement services available. At times it can be a tough job, but we are all in this together. Our goal is to keep Fenwick Island a safe and happy place for residents and visitors alike. If you see a Fenwick Island Police Officer, stop them and say hello - we love getting to know the folks that spend time in Fenwick Island, Delaware!

Thank you and have a safe spring,
Chief William H. Boyden

**DID
YOU
KNOW?**

Waterfowl

We love the variety of birds and other wild life that resides in Fenwick Island. But some of these visitors can be a nuisance. Feeding of waterfowl is prohibited by Town Code. No person shall feed, permit to be fed or provide food for domestic or migratory waterfowl in lands either privately or publicly owned. Please! Don't feed the ducks, geese or seagulls.

Green Building

What is Green Building? Green building is a whole-systems approach for designing and constructing buildings that conserve energy, water, and material resources. Green buildings are healthier, safer, and more comfortable.

Voting Info: June 30 last day to register in person. July 8 last day to register by mail.
If interested in running for Council contact Town Clerk Poole.

Town Management

I would like to begin this edition by welcoming new residents to the Town of Fenwick Island! If you have never lived here before you will find a generous and kind-hearted community, a dedicated Town Council and a very professional town staff. A few residents have resided on the island for eternity while others have just started their Fenwick experience. My recommendation would be to attend a Council or Committee meeting and stay involved in your community.

During the off-season several projects were completed including the FY 2016 Street Paving and Patching work, the second phase of the F.I. Community Park (an older children's climbing playground was added) and the design of a new municipal website was finished. The final presentation will occur at the May Council meeting. Please do not forget that throughout 2016 the Planning Commission will be holding public meetings about the Comprehensive Plan.

I would like to thank the property owners for allowing me to serve you. My door is always open. Hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

Merritt Burke IV, Town Manager

Public Works Department

Happy Easter to all! With that being said, spring is not far behind! The Fenwick Island Public Works Department has been steadily busy all winter, keeping streets clear from recent snowfalls, completing work on bike racks, and working on lifeguard stands to have them ready for Memorial Day. Town Hall lobby renovation is on schedule and should be completed soon. As spring draws closer, Public Works would like to remind everyone that yard waste pickups will begin in April, and:

- Please use paper bags, plastic bags will not be accepted
- Branches should be bundled together, in 4 ft. lengths, and no heavier than 50lbs.



The Town recently purchased, with donations from town businesses, 15 new Fenwick Island Lighthouse pole lights to help brighten up the town year round, at no cost to the homeowners of Fenwick Island.

The Environmental Committee

First Annual Earth Day Event

The Environmental Committee invites everyone to attend our First Annual Earth Day Event at Town Hall on Friday April 22, 2016 beginning at 9 AM with coffee and refreshments followed by a town clean-up. After the clean-up there will be a raffle for prizes. Please join us on Earth Day and gather with neighbors to improve the environment of Fenwick Island.

Pine Wilt Disease

Pine Wilt Disease has been diagnosed in black pine trees in Fenwick Island. Symptoms (rust colored needles) may first appear in one or a few branches and then develop quickly throughout the tree. Trees seldom survive more than a year and this disease quickly spreads from tree to tree in the Spring and Summer months. Unfortunately, there is no treatment or insecticide that will stop pine

wilt. Tree removal is the only method to prevent spreading throughout Town. After the tree is removed it is important that the wood be burned, buried or chipped.

Please check your property for dead pine trees and remove them as soon as possible.

Seismic Testing and Oil/Gas Drilling off Atlantic Coast

The Federal Government has reversed plans that would have opened the Atlantic Coast to oil and gas drilling after strong opposition from environmental groups and coastal communities. More than 100 coastal communities (Fenwick Island was the 101st) signed resolutions calling for a reversal. The Environmental Committee wishes to thank the Town Council for its continuing support and actions that work to enhance our environment.

F.I. BEACH PATROL: Beach News

Captain Tim Ferry and the FIBP are looking forward to another excellent beach season. It may be hard to believe right now, but in just a few short months, summer will be here. Because many of our guards from last year are returning, we anticipate having another excellent and experienced staff.

The FIBP will commence duty on Saturday, May 28, 2016, with coverage through Memorial Day weekend. Thereafter, the beach patrol will be on duty for the weekend of June 3rd – 6th with full time coverage beginning on June 10th and extending through Labor Day (September 5th). Weekend coverage will resume the following two weekends, September 10th -11th and 17th - 18th. As usual, the daily hours of operation will be 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. through Labor Day.

The Junior Lifeguard Program will be offered again this season with weekly sessions during June, July and August. The Advanced Program will run for 5 weeks. More information is available on the Town website and registration begins April 1st. In addition, plan to stop by Town Hall in June for beach related brochures and coloring books about rip currents and water safety.

The FIBP will be assisting with the **Town Bonfire** again this year. Fundraiser T-Shirts and a 50 / 50 drawing will be available as well as games and music for both kids and adults so keep the date of July 3rd open! T-shirts will be available for purchase beginning in May. Proceeds will help offset the cost for the USLA National Lifeguard Championships that will be held in Hermosa, CA. **For more information regarding tax-exempt donations that can be made on behalf of the FIBP, contact Captain Tim Ferry at tferry@fenwickisland.org.**

Lifeguards will again provide access to the beach for patrons needing assistance using the beach wheelchair, ATV, and Side by Side.

