



THE TOWN OF Fenwick Island

Summer 2019 Newsletter

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IMPORTANT DATES

August 3, 2019, 1-5 PM
Annual Election

August 20, 2019
Yard Waste Pickup

August 23, 2019, 3:30 PM
Town Council Meeting

September 3-5, 2019
Bulk Trash Pickup

September 16, 2019
Last day to pay tax bills to
avoid penalty fee

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR...

Summer is in full swing in Fenwick Island with great beach weather. Please exercise caution on the beach and heed all the lifeguard's warnings.

Follow Fenwick Island on social media: Facebook, Town Website, Instagram, and Twitter. The lifeguards "tweet" daily beach conditions.

I am happy to say we have had two very successful events. In April, we celebrated Earth Day with our annual town clean-up, and on July 6th we had our annual Town Bonfire. I want to thank all our employees and volunteers who made these events so successful. I would also like to give a special thanks to the Town business community for their generous contributions and support for these events.

We continue to vigorously oppose any Federal efforts to allow seismic testing and offshore oil drilling off the Mid-Atlantic coast.

Stay safe and enjoy the summer!

Mayor Gene Langan



The annual election for the Town of Fenwick Island Town Council will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2019 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

There are four (4) Council seats available. The candidates are: *Mitchell Houser, Eugene Langan, Julie Lee, Richard Mais, William Weistling, and Roy Williams.*

Absentee ballots are available for any registered voter who is not able to vote on election day at Town Hall. Any Town of Fenwick Island eligible registered voter who needs to obtain an absentee ballot must fill out the request for absentee ballot no later than 12:00 p.m. on August 2, 2019. All absentee ballots must be received prior to the close of the election, 5:00 p.m., on August 3, 2019 in order to be counted.

For more information on election procedures, or to download the request form for the absentee ballot, please visit www.fenwickisland.delaware.gov/election.

The Town recently underwent a revaluation to fairly distribute the tax burden among all property owners based on the current value of their property. Real estate is appraised so that all property owners fairly share the costs of Town services, such as police protection, street maintenance, plowing snow, maintenance of Town park and many other services.

Under Delaware law, the Town was required to establish a "rolled-back rate", which generates the same level of revenue as before the revaluation. The rolled-back rate for tax period August 1, 2019-July 31, 2020 was approved by the Town Council to be \$0.174015 per \$100 of the assessed valuation.

Because the properties are valued at a more current basis than before, some individual property taxes went up and some went down, but the total revenue generated remained the same.

Since September 15th falls on a Sunday, all tax bills are due by Monday, September 16th. If you have made arrangements to have your mortgage company pay your tax bill, please do not submit payment since they will be sending in the payment for you.

Please contact Town Hall at 302-539-3011, ext. 1, with any questions about your taxes.





Car Safety Tips for the Summer Road Trip

If you decide to travel this summer, be sure to check your car over carefully - you do not need to become a roadside casualty!

Some things to check include windshield washer fluid, tire pressure, and tire condition.

Another thing that could go bad is your alternator or battery since traveling in the heat and cranking up your air conditioning can put a drain on the system. Make sure your cables are clean and tight and, if the battery is more than five years old, replace it.

There are other tell-tale signs your car may not be fit for travel, especially under the hood. One belt drives everything, including your alternator, your power steering, and your water pump, so if you lose that belt, you've lost everything.

Hoses, radiators, and even power steering fluid are all important. A good rule of thumb: if no one has looked under the hood since the last time you took a trip, it is time. It is very important to keep up on the preventative maintenance.

Some shops offer summer travel specials, where they will fill all your fluids, check the belts and tires, and tell you what needs to be replaced.



Learn How to Help Children Cope During and After a Disaster

Get your kids on your team! Preparing for emergencies shouldn't fall on your shoulders alone. Young children and teens alike need to be part of the process, for their safety and sense of empowerment.

- * Work together to build an emergency kit.
- * Sit down as a family and talk about your communication plan.
- * Role-play what you would do during a disaster.
- * Hold fire drills in your house.

Responding to an emergency is one thing. What's the best way to respond to your child during or after a disaster? Learn more about building an emergency kit and making a plan at: <http://www.fema.gov>.

Fenwick Island Beach Patrol News

As the Fenwick Island Beach Patrol (FIBP) continues to keep the beaches safe, they have also been making large strides in moving the patrol forward. FIBP is proud to announce that we have been able to assist over 140 beach patrons onto the beach thanks to the two side-by-side vehicles. Please contact 302-462-6942 between 10:15 a.m.-4:00 p.m. for transport requests.

Recently, the majority of the Beach Patrol has been certified as Emergency Medical Responders. "The Beach Patrol's medical training is running smoothly, as our second EMR class is coming to a close. We have updated our medical supplies and new protocols are being put in place. The Beach Patrol is fully prepared to handle any

emergency that we may face this summer", says John Douds, FIBP First Aid Officer.

The FIBP competition team performed outstanding in Rehoboth on July 10th. Tyler McCarthy finished 1st in the 2-mile Soft Sand Beach Run, Emily Ruppert placed 2nd in Beach Flags, and Griffin McWilliams & Matt Shiels placed 6th in the Paddle Rescue Race. We are all looking forward to seeing how they do in the USLA National Competition in August.

Additionally, the Beach Committee held another successful Bonfire on July 6th. The weather was perfect and the event was well attended. The FIBP would like to thank the community for their continued support.

LETS TALK TRASH!

- ⇒ All **trash** is to be placed in containers and the containers placed along the curb in front of the property. Trash, rubbish and garbage should be placed in covered, watertight containers not to exceed 32 gallons in size or 50 pounds in weight when filled.
- ⇒ All containers shall be placed along the front property line no earlier than 12:00 noon the day prior to collection and removed no later than 8:00 p.m. on the day trash has been collected.
- ⇒ All **trash, recycle or yard waste** should be ready for pickup no later than 7:00 a.m. on the scheduled days.
- ⇒ The following **CANNOT** be **recycled**: waxed paper, styrofoam, motor oil, anti-freeze or any chemical containers, ceramic dishes and cups, scrap metal, window or door frames, window glass, window screens, mirrors, glass cookware, shredded paper, facial tissue, paper towels, plastic or paper drinking cups/lids/straws/utensils, pie pans, paint cans, lawn chairs, clothing, propane tanks, diapers, or electronics.
- ⇒ **Yard waste** (grass, leaves, prunings, brush, shrubs, garden materials and tree limbs up to 2" in diameter) must be contained in paper (not plastic) bags or in homeowner-supplied containers. Bundles of limbs cannot exceed 4' in length. Bags and bundles must weigh less than 50 lbs. each. Bags, bundles or containers that contain material other than yard waste, or if exceeds required length/weight, will be rejected by the hauler.

From May-September, trash is picked up on Monday and Thursday, and recycling is Friday.

From October-April, trash is picked up only on Monday and recycling is every other Friday.

Yard waste is picked up the 3rd Tuesday of the month, April-December.

REMINDER:

NO PETS OR OTHER ANIMALS ARE PERMITTED ON THE BEACH AT ANY TIME BETWEEN MAY 1-SEPTEMBER 30!

