

OUR ENVIRONMENT

As a coastal community we have “visitors” that not all communities get to enjoy. Winter brings Canada and snow geese and the occasional tundra swan. In recent winters, a snowy owl has been gracing our town with its presence. The warming days of April give the baby diamondback terrapins a reason to emerge from the sandy beach and make their way to the marsh. Please, if you see these babies in the yard or on the street, move them to the safety of the marsh. If you happen across an adult terrapin, you can help it cross the road in the direction it was heading. May and June delight us with the spawning season of the horseshoe crab. These creatures are our mascot. They may look menacing but they are docile creatures. If you see one on its back, gently flip it over, but not by its tail. Shorebirds flock to the area, especially red knots to feast and fatten up on the horseshoe crab eggs. The purple martins and hummingbirds are back in full force. Dolphins and cownose rays frolic offshore during the summer months. Fall shows us the migration of the monarch butterflies across the bay. Slaughter Beach is a Certified Wildlife Habitat as of May of 2015, and we are beginning to naturalize our surroundings to help the monarch population, and other wildlife, grow and thrive.

...A man knows that the world is not given by his fathers, but borrowed from his children...

Wendell Berry, 1971

GUIDELINES FOR SAFE FUN

DRIVING

The speed limit through town is 25 mph, until you get to the north end where it increases to 35 mph.

Please watch our children.

We have many, but can't spare any.

SWIMMING

Swim with other people - at your own risk - since there are no lifeguards.

BOATING

Boat a safe distance from shore. Consider water depth particularly at the north end of the beach and during low tide.

JET SKIS

Ride jet skis a minimum of 100 feet from shore, swimmers, non-motorized boats, and anchored boats.

PETS

Keep your dogs leashed and under your control. Remove pet waste and dispose of properly.

BONFIRES

When building a bonfire consider wind force and direction along with possible burn bans. Keep fire pits below dunes and extinguish fully by covering with sand before leaving.

DUNES

Enjoy strolling the beach looking for special treasures but please stay off the dunes/beach grass as they are fragile and are the first line of protection from flooding.

WELCOME
to

SLAUGHTER BEACH

Horseshoe Crab Sanctuary: 2004

Certified Wildlife Habitat Community: 2015

Population: 207

Established: 1681

Incorporated: 1935



We are a small coastal community with great pride and love for our surroundings. There is a laid-back feel to living here. Kids play outside, neighbors wave to each other. Our love of the water and unspoiled nature draws us and keeps us here. Each season brings its own surprises, from snowy owl sightings in winter to horseshoe crab spawning and dolphins playing offshore in late spring and summer.

Welcome! We hope you enjoy and nurture our town and all of its inhabitants as the rest of us do.

TOWN GOVERNMENT

Slaughter Beach is governed by a five member elected town council. Town Council meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at the Fire Hall on the 2nd floor, southeast entrance. Elections are held on the first Saturday in July, if needed.

TRASH PICKUP

Mondays - usually early AM
Recycling - every other Monday early AM
Please see our website for more info

TOWN CONTACT INFO

TOWN OFFICE

(302) 424-7659 - leave message
townofslaughterbeach@comcast.net
The unstaffed office is located on the second floor of the Fire Hall at 359 Bay Avenue.

ZONING CODE OFFICIAL/FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR

Contact before starting any construction
Bob Clendaniel
(302) 270-0687
zoningofficial@slaughterbeachde.com

TAX COLLECTOR

Angela Tibbitt (302) 424-1127
taxcollector@slaughterbeachde.com

TOWN CLERK

Kathy McFadden (609) 658-0165
townclerk@slaughterbeachde.com

TOWN COUNCIL

Current contact info for the Council is provided on the town website.

KEEPING UP-TO-DATE

To be placed on our town email list and receive emergency information and public notices, please provide us with your name, street address, telephone number and e-mail address at: slaughterbeachsignup@comcast.net.

Please Note: For more information regarding our town please go to our town website www.slaughterbeach.delaware.gov

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

SUSSEX COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT 911 PHONE REGISTRATION

Please register your mobile or out of town phone number to receive emergency and evacuation information (302) 855-7801

SLAUGHTER BEACH MEMORIAL FIRE CO

(302) 422-8888 - non-emergency

STATE POLICE

(302) 644-5020 - non-emergency
Our town falls under the jurisdiction of DE State Police Troop 7 in Lewes, DE

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Milford School District
906 Lakeview Ave
(302) 422-1600

DELMARVA POWER

(800) 375-7117 - Customer Service
(800) 898-8045 - Power Outage

ARTESIAN RESOURCES WATER CO.

(800) 332-5114 – Emergency
(302) 453-6900 – Customer Service
(302) 232-5460 – TDD
Email: custserv@artesianwater.com

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Please contact the Councilperson listed on the Slaughter Beach website

LOCAL HOSPITALS

MILFORD MEMORIAL - Milford (12 miles.)

21 W. Clarke Avenue
(302) 422-3311

BEEBE HOSPITAL - Lewes (19 miles)

424 Savannah Road
(302) 645-3300

KENT GENERAL - Dover (25 miles)

640 S. State Street
(302) 674-4700

COMCAST

(800) 266-2278

DUPONT NATURE CENTER

992 Lighthouse Road
(302) 422-1329

STATE OF DELAWARE FISH AND WILDLIFE ENFORCEMENT - 24 hour hotline

(800) 523-3336

DELAWARE RECREATIONAL WATER QUALITY HOTLINE

(800) 922-WAVE

MAMMAL/ANIMAL STRANDING (MERR)

www.merrinstitute.org
(302) 228-5029

SUSSEX COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL (Dogs/Cats)

(302) 255-4646

FORGOTTEN CATS (cat rescue organization)

www.forgottencats.org
(302) 429-0124

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

State of Delaware: www.delaware.gov

Sussex County: www.sussexcountyde.gov

DNREC: www.dnrec.delaware.gov

Delaware Emergency Management Agency

www.dema.delaware.gov (Evacuation Info)