
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 Spring the Osprey couples have been returning to stands in the marsh and every season more bald eagles are being spotted. The warming days of April give the baby diamondback terrapins a reason to emerge from the sandy beach and cross Bay Avenue - 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, but don't make that effort with the large snapping turtles that frequent Slaughter Beach Road - their name is reason enough. May and June delight us with the spawning season of the horseshoe crab, our mascot. They may look menacing but they are docile creatures and 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 have been working to naturalize our surroundings to help the monarch population, and other wildlife, grow and thrive.

Wendell Berry, 1971

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

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

Only residents of the Town of Slaughter Beach are allowed to build bonfires; check wind force and direction as well as burn bans before attempting. Keep fire below dunes and extinguish fully by covering with sand. Do not leave unattended.

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 since 2004

A Certified Wildlife
Habitat Community since 2015

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 southeast entrance and on zoom. 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 in the Fire Hall at 357 Bay Avenue, Milford DE 19963

CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENTS

- All Work Requires Permits -
Bob Clendaniel (302) 270-0687
zoningofficial@slaughterbeachde.com
Dial 811 before you dig!!

TAX COLLECTOR

Jennifer Cornell (302) 670-1659
taxcollector@slaughterbeachde.com

TOWN CLERK

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

TOWN MANAGER

Julia Geha (267) 909-1886
townmanager@slaughterbeachde.com

TOWN COUNCIL

For the most up-to-date contact information, go to the webpages.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Joanne Plescia (856) 313-4910
SBHS.Committee@gmail.com

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 uses **SMART911.com** for phone registration, turn on location services and you will be notified in case of an emergency.*

SLAUGHTER BEACH MEMORIAL FIRE CO
(302) 422-888 - 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) 898-3042 - Power Outage

ARTESIAN RESOURCES WATER CO.

(800) 332-5114 – Emergency
(302) 684-2527 – Customer Service
(302) 232-5460 – TDD
Email: custserv@artesianwater.com

MOSQUITO & PHRAGMITES CONTROL

Please contact the Councilperson listed on the Slaughter Beach website

LOCAL HOSPITALS

BAYHEALTH MILFORD MEMORIAL -
Milford (7 miles) 100 Wellness Way
(302) 422-3311

BEEBE HOSPITAL - Lewes (19 miles)
424 Savannah Road
(302) 645-3300

BAYHEALTH KENT GENERAL - Dover
(25 miles) 640 S State Street
(302) 674-4700

COMCAST

(800) 934-6489

DUPONT NATURE CENTER

2992 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 ANIMAL CONTROL (Dogs/Cats)

(302) 255-4646

FORGOTTEN CATS (cat rescue)

www.forgottencats.org
(302)429-1024

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)