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## OUR ENVIRONMENT

As a coastal community we have “visitors” that not all communities get to enjoy. Winter brings Canada and snow geese as well as the occasional Tundra Swan. In recent winters, a Snowy Owl has been appearing and every season more Bald Eagles are being spotted. The warming days of April give the baby diamondback terrapins a reason to emerge from our 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. These creatures are our mascot and while they look menacing, they are docile creatures. If you see one on its back, gently flip it over, but never by its tail. Shorebirds flock to the area, especially Red Knots, to feast and fatten up on the Horseshoe Crab eggs - and the Purple Martins and Hummingbirds appear 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 has been recognized as a Certified Wildlife Habitat since May of 2015, and we are 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...*

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## 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. **Visit:**  
[dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/air/open-burning/residential/](http://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/air/open-burning/residential/)

### 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.

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## 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 1st Monday of each month at the fire hall on Clark entrance #579 and on zoom. Invites are on the town website.

For more information regarding town government, please contact the town clerk at (302) 424-5020 or email [townclerk@slaughterbeachde.com](mailto:townclerk@slaughterbeachde.com)

## TRASH PICKUP

Mondays - usually early on the 1st Monday of each month  
Recycling - every other Monday on the 3rd Monday of each month  
For more information regarding trash pickup, please contact the town clerk at (302) 424-5020 or email [townclerk@slaughterbeachde.com](mailto:townclerk@slaughterbeachde.com)

## TOWN CONTACT INFO

The unstaffed office mailing address is:  
357 Bay Avenue, Milford DE 19963  
You can leave a voice message or email:  
(302) 424-7659  
[townofslaughterbeach@comcast.net](mailto:townofslaughterbeach@comcast.net)

## CONSTRUCTION/IMPROVEMENTS

- **ALL** Work Requires Permits -

Bob Clendaniel (302) 270-0687  
[zoningofficial@slaughterbeachde.com](mailto:zoningofficial@slaughterbeachde.com)  
**Dial 811 before you dig!**

## TAX COLLECTOR

Jennifer Cornell (302) 670-1659  
[taxcollector@slaughterbeachde.com](mailto:taxcollector@slaughterbeachde.com)

## TOWN COUNCIL

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

## TOWN CLERK

Kathy McFadden (609) 658-0165  
[townclerk@slaughterbeachde.com](mailto:townclerk@slaughterbeachde.com)

## TOWN MANAGER

Julia Geha (267) 909-1886  
[townmanager@slaughterbeachde.com](mailto:townmanager@slaughterbeachde.com)

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Joanne Plescia (856) 313-4910  
[SBHS.Committee@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:slaughterbeachsignup@comcast.net).

**Please Note: For more information regarding our town please go to our town website [www.slaughterbeach.delaware.gov](http://www.slaughterbeach.delaware.gov)**

## OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACT INFO

### SUSSEX COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Please register your mobile or out of town phone number to receive emergency and evacuation information from Delaware Emergency Notification System (DENS) [dema.delaware.gov/onlineServices/index.shtml?dc=dens](http://dema.delaware.gov/onlineServices/index.shtml?dc=dens) Once registered you can opt to share your information with emergency responders via **SMART911.com**

### 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

### DELMARVA POWER

(800) 375-7117 - Customer Service  
(800) 898-8042 - Power Outage

### ARTESIAN RESOURCES WATER CO.

(800) 332-5114 – Emergency  
(302) 684-2527 – Customer Service  
Email: [custserv@artesianwater.com](mailto:custserv@artesianwater.com)

### SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

## LOCAL HOSPITALS

BAYHEALTH SUSSEX CAMPUS -  
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](http://www.merrinstitute.org)  
(302) 228-5029

SUSSEX ANIMAL CONTROL (Dogs/Cats)  
(302) 255-4646

## FORGOTTEN CATS (cat rescue)

[www.forgottencats.org](http://www.forgottencats.org)  
(302) 429-1024

## IMPORTANT WEBSITES

State of Delaware: [www.delaware.gov](http://www.delaware.gov)  
Sussex County: [www.sussexcountyde.gov](http://www.sussexcountyde.gov)  
DNREC: [www.dnrec.delaware.gov](http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov)  
Delaware Emergency Management Agency  
[www.dema.delaware.gov](http://www.dema.delaware.gov) (Evacuation Info)

## MOSQUITO CONTROL

Please register for notifications at:  
[dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/mosquito-control/mosquito-spraying/](http://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/mosquito-control/mosquito-spraying/)