

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 Bald Eagles are being spotted. The warming days of April give the baby diamondback terrapins (about the size of a half dollar coin) 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. 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...

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!

There are no lifeguards.

BOATING

Boat a safe distance from shore. Consider water depth and low tide.

JET SKIS

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

PETS

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

FIRES ON THE BEACH

Only residents of the Town of Slaughter Beach are allowed to build fires on the beach; 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/

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.

<https://slaughterbeach.delaware.gov>

Please always leave with what you brought so that all visitors will experience nature without the extras that people and pets leave behind.

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

TOWN CONTACT INFO:

The unstaffed office mailing address is:
357 Bay Avenue, Milford DE 19963
You can leave a voice mail message or email:

(302) 424-7659

townofslaughterbeach@comcast.net

OUR TOWN GOVERNMENT

Slaughter Beach is governed by a five-member elected town council. Town council meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at the fire hall main entrance (357 Bay Avenue) and on zoom. If needed, the election will be held July 6, 2024. For details, visit the website: <https://slaughterbeach.delaware.gov>

TRASH COLLECTION

Mondays - usually early morning
Recycling - every other Monday morning
Effective July 1, 2024 our service will be provided by **Blue Hen, (302) 945-3500**

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 COUNCIL

For the most up-to-date contact information,
<https://slaughterbeach.delaware.gov>

TOWN CLERK

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

TOWN MANAGER

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

<https://www.sbhistory.org>
info@sbhistory.org

OTHER IMPORTANT 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.

SMART911.com

SLAUGHTER BEACH MEMORIAL FIRE COMPANY

(302) 422-6409 - non emergency

DELAWARE STATE POLICE

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

DELMARVA POWER - delmarva.com
(800) 375-7117 - Customer Service (800) 898-8042 - Power Outage

COMCAST/XFINITY
(800) 934-6489

SCHOOL DISTRICT

Milford School District

906 Lakeview Ave
(302) 422-1600

MOSQUITO CONTROL

Please register for notifications at:
dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/fish-wildlife/mosquito-control/mosquito-spraying/

KEEPING UP TO DATE

Receive emergency information and public notices by sending your name, telephone number and e-mail address to:
slaughterbeachsignup@comcast.net

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

ARTESIAN RESOURCES WATER CO.(800) 332-5114 – Emergency
(302) 684-2527 – Customer Service Email: custserv@artesianwater.com

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)
<http://merrinstitute.org>
(302) 228-5029

SUSSEX ANIMAL CONTROL (Dogs/Cats)
(302) 255-4646
FORGOTTEN CATS (cat rescue)
(302)429-1024

IMPORTANT WEBSITES

State of Delaware: www.delaware.gov
Sussex County: www.sussexcountyde.gov
Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC):
<https://dnrec.delaware.gov>
Delaware Emergency Management Agency
<https://dema.delaware.gov> (Evacuation Info)