# NEWSLETTER



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It's hard to believe that Labor Day is almost here! I hope you've had a great summer with family and friends!

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Now that the season is winding down, I'd like to talk about new construction in Sussex County. Although the inventory of existing homes is opening up, Bright MLS reported that as of the end of July 2023, new construction represented 50% of all active listings. These properties provide buyers with an ideal opportunity to build their "dream home," in beautiful communities, full of fabulous amenities.

Although developments always have well-informed sales consultants, working with me provides many benefits, such as understanding the builder's reputation for quality, negotiating critical elements of the sales contract, and representing you with the builder during inspections.

I can also help you understand costs and options when you make design selections and work to resolve any problems that arise during your build. In addition, I can help you secure temporary housing while your home is being constructed and arrange for contractor services you may need after you move in (e.g., fences, pool).

It's important to have me as your advocate from the very beginning, including when you first visit a builder's sales office. This ensures I'm properly representing you throughout the entire process.

A new build means you'll get exactly what you want, without worrying about the cost and stress of renovations. It also means not having to budget for expensive replacements like roofs and/or HVAC systems. If you can dream it, they can build it. Call me today to hear more about how to make it happen!



Founded in 1906, the Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company (RBVFC) provides fire protection, rescue assistance, and ambulance services to the local community. RBVFC's fire district is 32 square miles, from Gordon's Pond (North Shores) to the inlet, and from the ocean through the bay and the Angola area. There are three stations – located on Rehoboth Avenue (Station #1), Airport Road (Station #2), and John J. Williams Highway (Station #3).

In 2021, the RBVFC responded to 748 Fire & Rescue calls and 3,732 EMS calls. In 2022, the number increased to 800 Fire & Rescue calls and 4,001 EMS calls. Volunteers answer all of the 800 fire and rescue calls and they are supplemented with a career staff of 15 Firefighters/EMT's that staff 2 ambulances 24/7.

What are some of the initiatives you are working on? We've partnered up with different communities to do fire prevention presentations at Homeowners' Association meetings.

In the past, families had approximately 27 minutes to escape from a fire; more recently, because of the open floorplans of most homes and the more flammable materials inside, they only have about 3 minutes. Now, more than ever, knowing how to prevent and react to a fire emergency can mean the difference between life and death.









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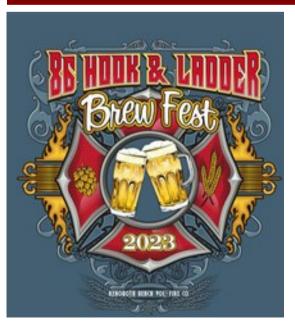
#### What are some of the most difficult challenges you face?

We're always looking for new ways to fundraise and engage the community in a proactive way. We also work hard to recruit and retain our firefighters. With low inventory and rising housing costs, it's becoming more and more difficult to entice younger people to move into the downtown area and staff Station #1 on Rehoboth Ave.

What would people be surprised to know about the fire department? The RBVFC is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization -- we're not connected to any municipality. Approximately 50% of our budget comes from state and federal grants, but we have to fundraise locally for the other half.

How can the community support the RBVFC? Donate and use matching employer donations to help fund the outfitting of new firefighters (\$21,000 per person) and the purchase of new equipment (new ambulance \$400,000 & new engine \$980,000). All donations are 100% tax deductible. We'd also encourage everyone to attend and participate in the events we sponsor over the year and consider becoming a Firefighter, Associate, Auxiliary, or Junior member. Please visit: www.rehobothbeachfire.com/page/recruitment

## **86 HOOK & LADDER BREWFEST**



SEP 9 -- The Rehoboth Beach Volunteer Fire Company will host its inaugural 86 Hook & Ladder BrewFest at the Rehoboth Beach Convention Center, 229 Rehoboth Ave., Rehoboth Beach. All proceeds benefit equipment purchases for the RBVFC. Attendees can sip samples from various regional craft breweries while enjoying food, music, raffles, and giveaways. Guests will cast votes for each category as brew vendors battle it out for the Best Brew, Best IPA, and Best Beard. Premier sponsor Atlantic Liquors will also be pouring samples of moonshine and bourbon. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit: <u>https://86brewfest.com</u>

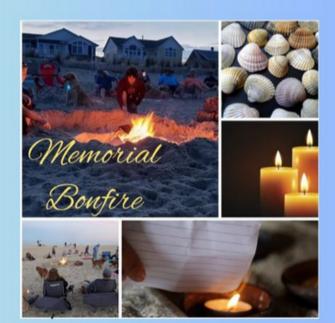
## DEWEY'S FALL GOLDEN JUBILEE 2023 CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

FRIDAY 9/29 5:30-6:30 T-SHIRT P/U & SALE AT LAKE GERAR 7:00 GOLDRUSH PARADE TO REHOBOTH 7:30 ICE CREAM SOCIAL @SALTY PAWS

SATURDAY 9/30 VANDYKE STREET BEACH OCEANFRONT 9:00AM T-SHIRT P/U & SALE 10:00AM BEACH ROMP & SWIM 4-7 YAPPY HOUR @MAMA MARIAS 5 GROOMING DEMO @ ENTRANCE TO VANDYKE STREET BEACH 7 - 9 MEMORIAL BONFIRE OCEANFRONT VANDYKE STREET BEACH







**SEP 1-4** -- AirFest 2023 -- This year's AirFest features a P-40 Warhawk, F4F Wildcat, TBM Avenger, and a C53 Skytrooper. Also enjoy live music, face painting, caricatures, food trucks, beer, wine gardens, and vendors! Naval Air Station Wildwood Aviation Museum, 500 Forrestal Rd, Cape May, NJ.



**SEP 8** – A Grand Night Gala & Afterglow Party. Join the Clear Space Theatre Company at the Rehoboth Beach Country Club for an exquisite evening of dining, dancing, and delight. Enjoy the silent auction and let the rhythm of the music sweep you away! 221 West Side Dr, Rehoboth, DE.



**SEP 2-3** – Sunfest -- Celebrate Labor Day at SUNFESTIVAL 2023! Delight in two nights of fun with headlining entertainment and nationally recognized DJs. As the ultimate party to close out the summer, SUNFESTIVAL sells out every year while supporting a great cause. All proceeds benefit CAMP Rehoboth. Rehoboth Beach Convention Center 229 Rehoboth Ave. Rehoboth Beach, DE.





**SEP 15** -- The 8th Annual Southern Delaware Wine, Food & Music Festival --This multi-course wine dinner is sure to delight even the most discerning of culinary connoisseurs. Come dine among the wine fields under the stars! For more info, visit <u>sodelfest.com</u>. Nassau Valley Vineyards, 32165 Winery Way, Lewes, DE.



**SEP 9** – Lighthouse Sunset Cruise -- Boats cruise from Angler's Fishing Center in Lewes all the way into the Harbor of Refuge to see the Delaware Breakwater East End Light and Harbor of Refuge Lighthouses. This relaxing and fun event is BYOB and snacks.



**SEP 16** -- 2023 Broad Creek Bike & Brew -- Enjoy a leisurely ride past historic attractions and beautiful waterways! After your ride, relax at Janosik Park in Laurel while you listen to live music, eat BBQ chicken, and sip on beer from local breweries! Laurel Elementary School, 815 S. Central Ave, Laurel, DE.

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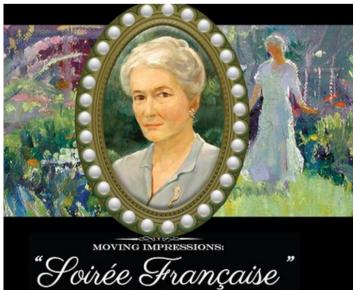
SEP 16 -- Oktoberfest at Dewey Beer Harbeson -- Get your lederhosen and dirndls ready! Festivities include generous pours of meticulously crafted beers, a costume contest, sausage toss, stein holding contest, Pretzelvania Food Truck, specials from Pizza Machine, and more! This sensational event is open to all - no ticket is required. Dewey Beer Co., 21241 Iron Throne Dr, Milton, DE



**SEP 23** -- OASIR is a proud sponsor of The Rehoboth Art League's historic Beaux Arts Ball! Join us and celebrate an evening of creativity. Food, drink, and fun await at this themed ball, which takes the French Impressionist movement as its inspiration. Attire is black tie or costume. For info, visit rehobothartleague.org/events/beauxarts-ball/.



**SEP 23** – Apple Cider Festival -- Come celebrate fall and enjoy a day of cider, caramel apples, apples, and more treats! Over 50 local vendors and crafters for some great shopping! Lewes Fire Dept, 32198 Janice Rd, Lewes, DE.





**SEP 29-30** – Dewey's Golden Jubilee – Come enjoy a weekend of fun, surf, sand and Goldens galore! Parading through Rehoboth Friday night and a romp on the beach on Saturday with a bonfire after sunset. Previous years brought close to 400 goldens running blissfully free on the beach, chasing tennis balls, and swimming together in the surf. For more info, visit: <u>http://deweysgoldenjubilee.com</u>

SEP 30 - 2nd Annual Dave's Dewey Dash 5K Walk/Run -- Dave Ashby died suddenly from Sudden Cardiac Arrest, and his friends and family are committed to spreading the word about this silent killer and using race proceeds to save lives through the purchase of AED machines for Dewey businesses and lifeguards, teaching hands-only CPR, and screening youth athletes for high-risk individuals. Come and support a truly worthy cause. Great location overlooking the bay, delicious food and drink, beautiful time of the year for a walk/run, and lots of fun for everyone! Rusty Rudder Restaurant, 113 Dickinson Ave, Dewey Beach, DE.



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## LISSA & WILL'S VEGETABLE SOUP (WITH MEAT!)

Ingredients:

Lean ground beef (1 lb) Yellow union, chopped Celery, chopped (2-3 stocks) Cabbage, roughly chopped (1/2 head) Garlic, minced (2 teaspoons) Basil (1 Tbsp) Parsley (1 Tbsp) Oregano (1 Tsp) Pepper (1 Tsp) V-8 Juice (1 quart) Chicken broth (1 cup) Fire-roasted diced tomatoes (1 can) Frozen mixed vegetables (1 large bag) Pink beans, drained and rinsed (1 can)

### Instructions:

1. Put a few tablespoons of olive oil in a large Dutch oven and sauté until the meat is brown and the onion and celery are cooked (approx 5-7 minutes).

2. Add in the cabbage, spices, and garlic, cover, and cook until the cabbage wilts (approx 5 mins).

3. Add V-8 juice, chicken broth, pink beans, and frozen vegetables. Partially cover and bring to a boil. Let simmer for 45 minutes.

5. Serve with fresh grated Parmesan cheese & and crusty bread.

DO YOU HAVE A FAVORITE RECIPE OR COCKTAIL TO SHARE? EMAIL US AND WE'LL FEATURE YOU IN A COMING NEWSLETTER!



## HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON!!







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