

NOTICE OF ELECTION - - - TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH



**THE TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH, SUSSEX COUNTY, DELAWARE
WILL HOLD ITS ANNUAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017
FROM 10:00 A.M. TO 6:00 P.M.**

POLLING PLACES:

DEWEY BEACH TOWN HALL

105 RODNEY AVENUE

VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

AUGUST 28 – NOON, SEPTEMBER 15, 2017

Weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. *AND*

SATURDAYS, SEPTEMBER 2 *AND* 9

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

DEWEY BEACH LIFESAVING STATION

#1 DAGSWORTHY AVENUE

VOTE BY VOTING MACHINE AND RETURN VOTED ABSENTEE BALLOTS

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2017

10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

VOTERS WILL BE ASKED TO FILL THREE (3) COMMISSIONER SEATS WITH TERMS BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 2017 AND ENDING SEPTEMBER 2019. AS OF THIS DATE, CANDIDATES WHO HAVE FILED FOR THESE SEATS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. PAUL BAUER (Non-Resident)
2. JILL COMPELLO (Non-Resident)
3. DALE H. COOKE (Resident)
4. DIANE HANSON (Resident)
5. T.J. JOHN E. REDEFER III (Resident)

Qualifications to vote: Voters in Town of Dewey Beach municipal elections must be registered in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 48 of Dewey Beach Town Code on or before August 17, 2017 in order to vote in the 2017 election.

Section 10 of the Dewey Beach Town Charter specifies that each person eighteen years of age or older, who is a bona fide resident and domiciliary of the Town of Dewey Beach, or who is an owner of real property within the Town, or who holds a valid lease for a term of five years or more on property within the Town, shall be qualified to vote in the election of Town officials as herein provided. A leaseholder seeking qualification as a voter under this subsection will be required to file a copy of a valid lease at the time of voter registration. A non-resident person eighteen years of age or older who is both a settlor/creator and trustee of a valid trust to which real property which is located within the Town has been conveyed which conveyance is recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds in and for Sussex County shall be qualified to vote in the election of Town officials, provided that the Trust document which identifies the trustee(s) and the settlor(s)/creator(s) must be presented at the time of registration. Chapter 48 of Dewey Beach Town Code establishes the authority to deny registration "to any person to whom a transfer of property is made or to whom a lease is executed for the sole and limited purpose of qualifying the person to vote."

Qualified voters may vote in person on Election Day, Saturday, September 16, 2017 or by absentee ballot. Instructions for voting by absentee ballot are included on the second page of this document. If voting by absentee ballot, please do not delay. Deadlines apply.

TOWN OF DEWEY BEACH
IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING ABSENTEE VOTING PROCEDURES

The process for voting by absentee ballot is mandated by the Delaware law governing municipal elections and includes several deadlines.

Voters planning to vote by absentee ballot must first submit an "Affidavit for Absentee Ballot." Obtain an Affidavit from Town Hall by picking it up or calling 302-227-6363 or 877-227-6331 to receive one by mail. It is also available from the Town's web site at www.townofdeweybeach.com under "Elections". Please do not delay. **Deadlines apply.**

1. Submit an "Affidavit for Absentee Ballot" to request an absentee ballot.
2. Complete the Affidavit according to the directions.
3. Notarization is NOT required for non-residents.
Notarization is NOT required for anyone who, with proper identification, presents an affidavit in person at Town Hall.
Notarization IS required for full-time residents who vote by mail for a reason in Section B of the Affidavit.
4. Sign the affidavit in the appropriate place.
5. Return the completed affidavit by fax to (1)-302-227-8319 or by scan and e-mail to joyce@townofdeweybeach.com. You may also deliver it in person or mail it to Town Hall, 105 Rodney Ave., Dewey Beach, DE 19971. Please do not delay.
6. If the Affidavit is approved, Town Hall will mail the voter an absentee ballot and other materials for voting. If there is a problem with the Affidavit, Town Hall will contact the applicant.
7. **DEADLINE:** Ballots will not be mailed after **Wednesday, September 13, 2017**. After this deadline, each approved voter must come to Town Hall to pick up his or her absentee ballot in person. The ballot will not be provided to any other person.
8. **DEADLINE:** Affidavits must be received by **12:00 noon, Friday, September 15, 2017**.
9. Follow the instructions provided with the absentee ballot. Sign the pledge of voter identity.
10. Return the voted ballot (in its security envelope) by U.S. mail or hand-delivery to Town Hall during the times specified on page one of this notice and between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Election Day. Ballots may also be hand-delivered to the Life Saving Station between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Election Day, Saturday, September 16, 2017 **ONLY**. Faxed or e-mailed ballots will not be counted.
11. From August 28 through noon on September 15, qualified voters may also appear at Town Hall during regular business hours and from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on September 2 and 9 (the two Saturdays prior to Election Day) to submit completed Affidavits. Approved voters may receive and submit their ballots at that time. If a voter completes an Affidavit and does not immediately complete and submit a ballot, the ballot must be returned in accordance with #10 above.

DEADLINE: All absentee ballot votes must be received before **6 p.m. on Election Day, Saturday, September 16, 2017**. See #10 and #11 above for instructions. Late ballots will not be counted.

If you have questions or concerns about your eligibility to vote or the voting process, please call Town Hall at 302-227-6162 or 877-227-6331 or contact the Board of Elections at the same numbers.