



Rehoboth Beach-Dewey Beach Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center

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REHOBOTH BEACH TO DISCONTINUE COMMERCIAL TRASH SERVICE ON DECEMBER 31, 2017

On March 17, 2017, the Rehoboth Beach Commissioners adopted an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 227 of the Solid Waste Municipal Code, relating to the discontinuation of commercial trash and refuse collection. Delaware's Universal Recycling Law requires all commercial businesses to participate in a recycling program. The City does not have sufficient staff and equipment to continue operating under this mandated regulation. Discontinuing commercial trash will be effective January 1, 2018. Customers have the option of continuing and paying for City service July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017. If customers plan to contract with a private disposal company prior to the next billing cycle of May 31, 2017, they will need to provide a copy of their new agreement so the City can discontinue their service and avoid charging for the six month period July-December. The City will be contacting commercial customers to provide further information. For questions, please contact the Communications Department at communications@cityofrehoboth.com or call 302-227-2772.

REHOBOTH BEACH ADOPTS NEW RULES FOR TENTS ON THE BEACH – CITY PRESS RELEASE

On March 17, 2017, the Rehoboth Beach Commissioners adopted an Ordinance to Amend Chapter 95, Beaches, relating to restrictions on fires, cooking devices, umbrellas, baby tents, and other fixtures on the beach. The new law defines an acceptable beach umbrella as having "...a circular shade no greater than 8 feet in diameter." In the law, an umbrella is also defined as "...a collapsible circular shade stretched over hinged ribs radiating from a central pole no greater than 7 feet 6 inches in height, and without grounding lines, ropes, or sides are permitted on the beach." Baby tents up to 36" high x 36" wide x 36" deep may be used to shade infants and small children. This means that -- with the exception of umbrellas and baby tents -- tarps, cabanas, pavilions, tents, sport-brellas or any material mounted on supports are prohibited from being placed on the beach. The adoption of the new law was driven by public safety concerns and is meant to promote safety from fires and eliminate the number of tents on the beach. The City understands that tents are very convenient for beach-goers, particularly those with large families and those who can't run the risk of long-term sun exposure. However, this decision has been made to keep beachgoers safe while allowing emergency personnel the ability to navigate our beaches in case of an emergency. From a public safety standpoint, the ever-growing popularity of the beach tents in certain locations in the beach area makes it difficult for an EMS unit or other emergency responders to get through this line of tents to the beach and water in a timely manner. Couples getting married on the beach may incorporate a tent as part of their ceremony as long as they have a Beach Wedding Permit. If you're planning a special event on the beach and would like to use a tent, your request will need to be submitted as part of a Special Event Permit. For permit information, visit www.cityofrehoboth.com. The City is working with the Chamber of Commerce to spread the word to businesses and visitors through the Visitors Guide (click here) with a special insert, along with print, social media and beach signage. New ordinance takes effect May 15, 2017.

FROM THE DELAWARE RESTAURANT ASSOC. & RBDB CHAMBER – PROPOSED MIN. WAGE INCREASE

The Senate Labor Committee will soon be considering legislation (Senate Bill 10) that would increase the state's minimum wage substantially to \$10.25 per hour. The margin of support for the Bill is very narrow, and we have an opportunity to stop this harmful legislation. **What You Can Do:** Write to members of the Senate Labor Committee and tell them to vote no on SB10. Every message counts as this is a very close vote. To voice your concerns, click here.

SUSSEX COUNTY JOB FAIR – PRESENTED BY DELAWARE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION - April 13, 2017-2-6 PM at the Atlantic Sands Hotel/Conf. Center. For info., contact J.Francis@coons.senate.gov or call (302) 573-6345.

CHAMBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON MEETING - Wednesday, April 19, 2017 – 12:00 PM at Kings Creek Country Club. Guest speaker will be Delaware Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long. The cost is \$22 per person - buffet will include a Caesar salad, grilled salmon with citrus sauce, chicken picatta, roasted potatoes, seasonal vegetables, and Chef's selection dessert. Seating at the meeting is limited; reserve your seat now by contacting Joy at 302-227-2233 ext. 14 or joy@beach-fun.com.

FROM CHAMBER MEMBER CAPE HENLOPEN SENIOR CENTER - On Saturday, March 25 join Cape Henlopen Senior Center for a Special Jackpot Bingo-doors open at 11:30 AM Early Bird at 1:30 PM/Regular Games at 2 PM—**open to the public**. The cost is \$20/person and includes one-game pack, specials, lunch/beverage/dessert. For info. call Bernita at 302-227-2055 Ext. 7.

SOUTHERN DELAWARE TOURISM PARTNERS EXPO - Southern Delaware Tourism Partners Expo -Thurs., April 6-11:00 AM-2:00 PM at Nassau Valley Vineyards Grand Cru Hall (last building on left) in Lewes. This Expo will feature tourism partners throughout Sussex County including attractions, outfitters and information about what's new for the 2017 season and beyond. Lunch will be provided. The cost is \$15.00—please RSVP by March 31 by contacting Lana O'Hollaren – Lanao@visitsoutherndelaware.com.

INAUGURAL DASH FOR A DRAFT 5K – BENEFITS DELAWARE STATE POLICE MOUNTED PATROL

Saturday, April 8, 2017 – 10:00 AM – starting/ending at Irish Eyes in Milton. For more information, visit www.races2run.com.