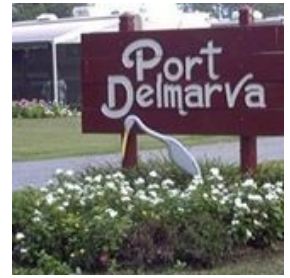


Every Day's a Pleasure

April 2023



Hello Port Residents,

By now you should have received our Spring Letter which included information about site selection and our recycling flyer. Just a reminder that the dumpsters are to be used for your trash during your stay at the Port. Please make sure to use the correct dumpster.

If you did not mail your pet form and required insurance information with your license agreement in October, you must submit that on Site Selection Day, April 15th. It can be given to any Board Member.

Thank you to the many volunteers who showed up in November for the Water-Shut-Off to blow out the lines, remove signs and get the Port ready for the Off-Season.

A Special Thank You to George Carter, who did the security checks and kept our Little Slice Of Heaven secure.

The Water is on, and we appreciate all the volunteers who were able to be at the Port March 25th and assist with water turn-on!

Site Selection is upon us. We are excited to welcome 7 new residents to Port Delmarva. I am looking forward to an interesting site selection day, with this many open sites. Please keep in mind that if you have a trailer over 36' and thinking of moving you need to make sure the new site will accommodate your size trailer.

All forms, such as Proxies, Liability Waivers, Maps, Pet Forms, etc. will be available in the hall.

Here are some important dates and times:

SATURDAY APRIL 15, 2023

9am – Resident Meeting

- **Immediately after the Residents Meeting there will be propane sales/fill**

10am – Clean up begins. We will meet at the hall

1pm – Please bring any proxies that you have to the hall

2pm – Site Selection

IF YOU ARE MOVING, YOU MUST FILL OUT THE LIABILITY WAIVER FOR COX RV AND THE PORT, ON SITE SELECTION DAY. GIVE THE WAIVERS TO A BOARD MEMBER.

To insure we have a smooth moving day, your trailer must be ready to go on April 22nd at 10AM. That means, inflate your tires. Remove the blocks from your trailer. Pull in your slides. Clean out your shed.

YOU MUST BE ON SITE WHEN YOUR TRAILER IS MOVED!!

SATURDAY APRIL 22, 2023

10am – Trailer Moving Day

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the Port. Have a fantastic, safe, and relaxing season!

Sincerely,
Jens Maly
President, PDMV

If you would like your birthday, anniversary or any other information mentioned in the newsletter, please email Karilyn McClelland, at karilyn3904@gmail.com or drop a note in the site 5 mail cubby in Memorial Hall

Saturday 4/15

Immediately following the 9am Residents Meeting there will be propane sales & fill



**A big thank you to
George & Diane C. for
donating a new flagpole
to the Port !**



Randy	H.	1/1
Tom	F.	1/4
Chris	P.	1/4
Chad	R.	1/5
Mary	H.	1/15
Bryan	H.	1/17
Kathleen	H.	1/18
Janetrae	Mc.	1/18
Courtney	D.	1/19
Lori	V.	1/22
Peg	C.	2/7
Janice	P.	2/13
Justin	K.	2/15
Jena	H.	2/15
David	D.	2/17
Ava	L.	2/18
Molly	C.	2/25
Lucille	D.	2/25
Ethan	V.	2/27
Jane	K.	2/29
Denise	W.	3/7
Betsy	H.	3/9
Karen	P.	3/9
Angela	S.	3/13
Cindy	J.	3/15
Mike	Mc.	3/15
David	C.	3/17
Bruce	S	3/17
Jack	D.	3/18
Connor	Mc.	3/20
Clyde	S.	3/29
Bridgett	P.	4/7
Melissa	K.	4/13
Jennifer	P.	4/13
Wade	D.	4/14
Joy	S.	4/14
Ester	R.	4/16
Gary	W.	4/23
Beth	H.	4/25
Debra	S.	4/25
Marylou	B.	4/29



Bob & Sue S.	1/7
Jamie & Stephanie A.	1/9
Diane & George C.	1/12
George & Karen H.	1/23
Gary & Denise W.	3/15
Randy & Sue H.	3/29
Reed & Linda J.	4/29



Portrait Site List

1	Craig & Barbara	49	Matt & Maxine	98	Angela & Donald
2	Tom & Debbie	50	Brian & Beth	99	Bill & Sandy
3	Rich & Sue	51	Patty & Duane	100	Bruce
4	Mike & Patti	52	Lee & Beth	101	Steve & Ellen
5	Mike & Karilyn	53	Jackie	102	Neil & Lucie
6	Rich & Lori	54	Cheryl	103	Chris & Robin
7	Ellen	55	Alan & Carol	104	Steve & Kim
8	Bob & Sue	56		105	Justin & Jennifer
9	Douglas & Nancy	57	Jennifer & Jim	106	Travis & Jennifer
10	Bob & Nancy	58		107	Ruth
11	Gary & Denise	59	Big Al & Karen	108	Laura
12	Jim & Jo Ann	60	Kristen & Dan	109	Matt & Rachel
13	Norb & Janice	61	Kevin & Jane	110	Steve & Becca
14	Thomas & Linda	62	Bobby	111	Robert J
15	Doug & Annie	63	Angela & Shane	112	Christopher
16	Bonnie	64	Randy & Sue	113	David & Marsha
17		65	Charles & Sharon	114	Jeff & Sharon
18	Bob & Sue	66	Chad & Tracey	115	Janet
19	Jeffrey & Kathryn	67	Bryan & Kathleen	116	Bobby & Donna
20	Betsy	68	Dom & Cindy	117	Clyde & Linda
21	Dick & Joyce	69	Jim & Cheryl	119	Wade & Lauren
22	Harry & Ester	70	George & Kathleen	120	Cynthia
23	William	71	Nick & Carol	121	Jason & Jill Ann
24	Barry	72	Suzanne	122	Tom
25	Robert & Nancy	73	Joseph & Kathryn	123	Tom & Diane
26	Justin & Melissa	74	Edwin & Stacy	124	Gordon
27	Ken & Peg	75	Joanne	125	Bridget
28	Kenneth & Phyllis	76	Albert & Cindy	126	Angela
29	Thomas & Julie	77	George & Diane	127	Allen & Kimberly
30	David & Debra	78	Jayne & Stephanie	128	William & Martha
31	Raymond & Theresa	79	Dennis & Wendy	129	Phil & Jena
32	Janet & Bob	80	Joshua & Amanda	130	Courtney & David
33	Mary Susan	81	Paul & Joan	131	John
34	Richard & Linda	82		132	B. Shelton
35	Vince & Bridgett	83	Alecia & Seth	133	Creig & Lisa
36	David	84	Scott & Lori	134	
37	Frank & Valarie	85	William & Barbara	135	Jeff & Tyne
38	Ray & Rae	86	Sam & Lori	136	Jeanie
39	Lucille	87	Reed & Linda	137	Jens & Maggie
40		89	Steve & Lucie	138	Rich & Ed
41	Joe	90	Sean & Nicole	139	Jeff
42	Jean	91	Ron & Louise	140	Mary & Richard
43	Jeremiah	92		141	Gerald & Kathy
44	Don & Marylou	93	Diane	142	Edward & Dolores
45	David & Charlene	94	Sean & Melony	143	Paulo & Brittany
46	Kevin & Cindy	95	Eric & Linda	144	Denise & Jack
47	MaryJane	96	Julianna	145	Jennifer & John
48	Todd & Jamie	97	David & Rachel	146	Diana & Roger
				147	Richard & Edie

How To Dewinterize Your RV For Camping Season

Last Updated on February 27, 2023 by [Christina](#)

When Should I Dewinterize My RV?

You want to dewinterize an RV when the weather consistently stays above freezing. If the temperature is still inconsistent, you risk having your pipes freeze. Just like a house, if your pipes freeze and you have water in your tanks, it could damage your RV's water systems and lead to expensive repairs.

Dewinterizing an RV can take half a day or longer depending on how many systems you have. Prepare your time wisely, and don't be afraid to **seek professional help** for dewinterization.

Just remember that all RVs are different, so this is a general overview of how to dewinterize an RV. Not all steps may apply to your RV. **Read your owner's manual before getting started for model-specific RV dewinterizing instructions.**

Look Over Your RV Tires

Inspect your RV's tires and correct the tire pressure.

RV tires naturally lose some air during the winter months sitting in storage. The RV owner's manual has the recommended PSI based on the load of the RV. Correct the pressure of your tires and examine the tread. If your RV was sitting for an extended period of time on dirt, grass or asphalt without blocks you could risk having flat spots on your tires. Vibration, difficulty handling, or a thumping noise while driving indicates that you may have a flat spot and need new tires.

Check Your RV's Battery Condition

Make sure your battery is ready for camping.

Now it's time to get your battery hooked back up. RV batteries will lose a bit of charge while in storage. Check the charge on your RV batteries and recharge them if needed. It is important to make sure your battery is not connected to electricity or else you could get an incorrect reading.

Check the RV battery fluid levels as well, adding distilled water to your lead-acid batteries as needed until the battery is properly filled. If you have to fill your battery fluid level, make sure you wear gloves and remove all jewelry. Wearing jewelry while working with electricity can lead to burns if you are not careful.

Inspect Your RV's Propane System

The next step is to check your RV's propane system if your RV has one. Double check the hoses and seals for any cracks or damages before you turn on your propane appliances. If your propane system looks good and your tanks are filled, you can turn your system on and check each propane appliance.

If you are checking your RV propane hot water heater, make sure your tanks are flushed of any antifreeze and full of fresh, potable water. Manufacturers warn against having antifreeze in hot water heaters. Antifreeze can harm the anode rod and can be hard to flush out of your hot water heater.

Test Your RV's Electrical System

Once you have tested all your systems to make sure they are working properly, you should also check your RV's interior and exterior electrical system. Make sure all your lights work inside and outside, as well as any speakers, awnings and appliances. If you have RV auto leveling jacks or RV hydraulic jacks, test that they are working properly.

If your RV has slideouts, extend them and inspect the interior and exterior for signs of water damage. Make sure your slide seals are in good condition; if you can see light through your RV's slide seals, you need to replace them. It's also recommended to lubricate the slides on some RVs. Check your owner's manual for the manufacturer's recommended procedures for your RV.

Flush And Sanitize Your RV Water System

Before you flush your RV's plumbing system, look for any water damage or cracks in the pipes. You also need to double check that your water heater is still in bypass mode.

Flush Your RV Water System

It's important to flush the antifreeze out of each water line.

There are two ways you can dewinterize your system: through the water tank or city water connection. To fill from the tank, fill water into your freshwater holding tank and turn on the water pump. If you are flushing your system through the city water connection, a garden hose works well to flush the system. Some RVs have low-point drains that you can open. You can use these valves to help the antifreeze run out of the pipes.

The next step is to run each fixture one by one, turning hot and cold on separately. Run each interior faucet and any outside shower, kitchen, or other various water sources. You should also flush the toilet a few times. Most RV antifreeze is pink in color and bubbles, indicating that antifreeze is still present.

When no bubbles are present and the water is clear, the line is clean of antifreeze.

Washing machines, dishwashers and icemakers have special dewinterizing instructions. Check the owner's manual carefully or seek professional service if applicable to your RV.

Then properly dispose of the antifreeze and empty your black and grey water tanks.

Sanitize Your RV Water System

The second step to dewinterizing your RV water system is to sanitize it. Sanitizing your water system removes bacteria from your lines that might be growing from sitting over the winter months. Double check your owner's manual if you are able to sanitize your hot water heater as well. Some brands allow for sanitization while others can become damaged. If you cannot sanitize your water heater, leave your drain plug out and water heater in bypass mode until you are done.

Use ¼ cup bleach for every 15 gallons of water your fresh water tank holds. Fill the fresh water tank with the mixture and make sure the tank is full.

Turn on your RV water pump and turn on each faucet until you can smell the bleach mixture. It may take a couple minutes at first for the mixture to come through the lines. Then close the faucets and let the solution sit for a minimum of three hours. You can leave the sanitizing solution in the water lines for up to 12 hours.

Once the mixture has sat, it's time to drain the system and refill with fresh water. Flush the system again until you no longer smell the bleach and all the water is flushed out.

Don't forget to put your drain plug back in for the hot water heater. Once you are done sanitizing, you have successfully made your RV's water system ready for camping!

Replace RV Filters and Safety Devices

Clean out the vents of your RV and replace any old filters.

After flushing and sanitizing your RV's plumbing system, it's time to replace your water filters. Water filters need to be replaced every three to six months depending on use and brand. This will also ensure that your water does not have a lingering taste from the sanitization.

Check the air filters to see if they need to be replaced too. Air filters are necessary for flowing clean and cool air throughout your RV. If you don't regularly clean the filters, they can start to draw more energy, reduce airflow and damage your AC system if left unaddressed for too long. Some RV air filters can be washed, while others need to be replaced. Check your owner's manual to see your requirements.

Since you are already preparing your RV for the camping season, safety devices are another important thing to check. Put in fresh batteries and test the smoke detectors, LP detector and carbon monoxide detector. Also, check the fire extinguisher's expiration date and replace it if needed.

Get Your Dewinterization Done Professionally

RV technicians can dewinterize your RV and make sure everything is operational.

Getting your RV dewinterized by an [RV dealership](#) is time saving and hassle-free. They can also look over your RV for any issues while you're there. By scheduling regular maintenance with your dewinterization, you can have peace of mind that you'll be ready for the camping season.

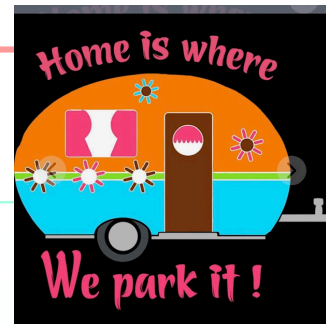
Regular maintenance can include a multipoint inspection, where they will look over everything from wheel to roof, making sure your RV is ready for the open road. They can also test for leaks if you notice your seals or caulk are cracked.

Travel trailers also require wheel bearing repacking every year or every 12,000 miles depending on how much you travel. This regular maintenance will help keep you from experiencing towing issues and a potential tire blowout.

When getting your RV dewinterized professionally, you can also get a roof wash and treatment to properly seal your roof for the camping season. RV experts will seal your roof to help prevent harsh summer weather from harming your roof.

All Systems Go For Camping Season

Now that you have dewinterized your RV, you are ready to hit the road! Just remember, all RVs are different and it is best to consult the owner's manual or seek professional service if you have any issues.



APRIL

Saturday, April 01 - Sunday, April 16

[Lewes Tulip Celebration](#)

The 14th annual Lewes Tulip Celebration, jointly sponsored by the Lewes ...

Saturday, April 01

[Spring Bulbs Tour](#)

2pm, Delaware Botanic Gardens, 30220 Piney Neck Road Dagsboro, DE, 19939 United States. ...

Saturday, April 01 - Sunday, April 02

[History in Bloom walking tours](#)

10:30 a.m., and 12:30 and 2:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, April 1 and 2. ...

Saturday, April 08

[Dewey Egg Scoop](#)

This is a fun, all-ages, beachcentric spin on the traditional egg ...

Saturday, April 08

[Lewes Canalfront Park Easter Bunny Bonanza](#)

10:30 AM, Lewes Canalfront Park, Lewes. Bunny Arrives by Boat down at ...

Wednesday, April 19 - Sunday, April 23

[Spring Delmarva Birding Weekend](#)

The 27th annual SPRING Delmarva Birding Weekend will be held April 19 ...

Friday, April 28 - Saturday, April 29

[Ocean to Bay Bike Tour](#)

Registration is open for the 2023 Ocean to Bay Bike Tour presented ...

Saturday, April 29

[2023 Rehoboth Beach Gumbo Crawl](#)

1 to 4pm, rain or shine. Purple Parrot will again partner ...



APRIL CALENDAR

April 1 is All Fools' Day—otherwise known as “**April Fools' Day**.”

April 2 is **Palm Sunday**, the Sunday before Easter and the last Sunday of Lent.

April 5 is the start of **Passover**, which begins at sundown on this day.

April 7 is **Good Friday**.

April 9 is **Easter Sunday**. (April 16 is Orthodox Easter.)

April 22 is **Earth Day**.

April 28 is **National Arbor Day**.



Prepare for the Full Pink Moon—and the Paschal Full Moon!

Catherine Boeckmann
March 24, 2023

April's full Moon drifts into the sky on the night of Wednesday, April 5, reaching peak illumination at 12:37 A.M. EDT on the 6th! Traditionally called the Pink Moon, this full Moon is also the Paschal full Moon this year. Here's everything you should know about the Moon this month, including facts, folklore, and Moon phase dates.

When to See the Full Moon in April 2023

Venture outside on the night of Wednesday, April 5, to catch a glimpse of April's full Pink Moon. This full Moon actually reaches peak illumination at 12:37 A.M. Eastern Time on Thursday, April 6, which means that it will be at its peak on the night of April 5 in more westerly time zones. For the best view of this lovely spring Moon, find an open area and watch as the Moon rises just above the horizon, at which point it will appear its biggest and take on a golden hue! ([Find local Moon rise and set times here.](#))

Paschal Full Moon: The First Full Moon of Spring

This year, April's full Moon is the first full Moon of the spring season, which began with the [spring equinox](#) on March 20, 2023. This means that April's full Moon is the **Paschal Full Moon**—an important Moon to those who celebrate Easter, since Easter's date depends on the date of the Paschal Full Moon.

Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the Paschal Full Moon (i.e., the first full Moon of spring), which means that it will be celebrated this year on Sunday, April 9 (following the full Moon on April 5-6).

The Delaware Fishing Report offers information on when to fish, where to fish, which species are biting, and how to catch them. It is written weekly by veteran Delaware angler Eric Burnley, Sr. **Updated: March 30, 2023**

Winter will not release its icy grip on Delaware. Because of this, the water in the Delaware Bay and the Atlantic Ocean remains cold. It is currently 46.8 degrees at the Delaware Lightship Buoy and 49.5 at Lewes.

As usual, the bay is heating up ahead of the ocean and we may see some summer flounder activity in the next week or so from the Lewes and Rehoboth Canal.

Delaware Bay

Patty at Captain Bones in Odessa said the reports from her customers indicate white perch in the tidal creeks and rivers and along the shoreline from Augustine Beach down to the fishing pier at Woodland Beach.

Bloodworms have been the best bait for the perch. A few keeper rockfish between 28 and 35 inches have been caught along the shoreline on bloodworms and cut bunker.

At Smith Bait in Leipsic, Steve said all of his reports have been about white perch caught from the fishing pier at Woodland Beach. Bloodworms have been the prime bait and a few short rockfish have been mixed in the catch.

At Lewes Ice House they checked in a 14-inch white perch for Steve. He caught the big fish out of the Broadkill River on a bloodworm.

Indian River Inlet

Old Inlet Bait and Tackle said they had no reports from the inlet last week.

Surf Fishing

The surf is cold and dirty.

Inshore Ocean

Lewes Harbour Marina said a few private boats have been running to Site 11 and coming back with some tog. They are using green crabs for bait.

The Fish Bound out of Ocean City, Maryland has been catching double-digit tog and releasing most of them. He still sends his parties home with a 3-fish boat-rule limit of big fish.

Offshore Ocean

No report.

.Check Those PFDs

Your PFDs have been in storage all winter and may have become home to a variety of vermin and insects. If they are old models, they can also become victims of dry rot.

Before you head out on the first trip of the season, check the condition of those PFDs and replace any that are suspect. If you have type 5 PFDs make sure the CO2 cylinder is good and the tablet is still OK.

And most important of all, always wear your PFD!