



APRIL 2026

# Hello

## PORT RESIDENTS

By now, you should have received our Spring Letter, which included important information, including details on Site Selection.

If you did not submit your pet form and required insurance documentation with your license agreement in October, you must bring these items with you on Site Selection Day, April 11. They may be submitted 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 prepare the Port for the off-season.

Our off-season was a busy and productive one here at Port Delmarva, with several projects completed. I'm excited to introduce the new storage area, which was led by George—he did a fantastic job overseeing the project from start to finish.

As mentioned in the Spring Letter, please reach out to Rodney at [rodneyporvtvp@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneyporvtvp@yahoo.com) to obtain your boat and trailer stickers. Please also remember that all boats and trailers must have current registration; any unit without valid registration will not be permitted on Port property.

A special thank you to George Carter for conducting regular security checks and helping keep our little slice of heaven safe during the off-season.

The water is on, which means the season has officially started. From this point forward, please ensure your trailer and site are clean, and your grass is maintained. I walked through the Port and noticed that, following the winter storms, some general cleanup is needed throughout. To assist with this, a large dumpster has been ordered and will be staged on April 10. The deadline for spring cleanup is April 30. Fines will be issued thereafter in accordance with our Rules and Regulations. Ongoing site maintenance throughout the season remains the responsibility of each resident.

Thank you to George Carter, Bill Moore, Bob Jensen, Craig Pierce, and Duane Rodkey for their help with the water shut-off and water turn-on day, ensuring everything is operating properly. If I may have missed anyone who contributed, please know your efforts are recognized and sincerely appreciated.

Site Selection is upon us, and we are excited to welcome five new residents to Port Delmarva. With several open sites available, we anticipate an active and engaging Site Selection Day. All necessary forms, including proxies, liability waivers, maps, and pet forms, will be available at the hall.

**Important Dates and Times:**

Saturday, April 11, 2026

9:00 AM – Resident Meeting

10:00 AM – Cleanup begins (meet at the hall)

1:00 PM – Submit proxies to the hall

2:00 PM – Site Selection

If you are moving, you must complete the liability waivers for Cox RV and the Port on Site Selection Day and submit them to a Board Member.

To ensure a smooth moving day, all trailers must be in **“HOOK N’ TOW”** condition by April 18 at 10:00 AM. This includes inflating tires, removing blocks, retracting slides, and clearing out sheds. Please refer to the checklist included in the Spring Letter. You or your designated proxy must be present when your trailer is moved

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

10:00 AM – Trailer Moving Day

I look forward to seeing everyone back at the Port. Wishing you all a fantastic, safe, and relaxing season.

Sincerely,

Jens Maly  
President, PDMV

## IMPORTANT DATES

WATER TURN ON 3/21

SITE SELECTIN 4/11

TRAILER MOVING DAY 4/18



### **BOAT STORAGE:**

**If you hold a boat storage lot you must email Rodney your current Boat AND Trailer Registration to [rodneyporvp@yahoo.com](mailto:rodneyporvp@yahoo.com) Prior to moving them onto your lot.**



# Spring Ready: RV Checklist

A fresh start for a smooth, stress-free season

As the weather turns and the season begins, taking a little time now to prepare your RV park model will set you up for a safe, comfortable, and enjoyable spring and summer. Use this quick checklist to get everything in top shape before arrival or opening weekend.

## Start with the Exterior

Give your home a refresh after winter:

Wash siding, windows, and awnings

Inspect the roof and gutters for damage or debris

Check skirting, steps, and railings for safety and stability

## Reconnect & Check Utilities

Make sure everything is running as it should:

Reconnect water lines and check for leaks

Flush the system and confirm steady water pressure

Inspect sewer connections

Test electrical hookups and breakers

Check propane levels and lines

## De-Winterize with Confidence

If your unit was winterized:

Flush antifreeze from plumbing

Reinstall filters and turn on the water heater

Check carefully for any freeze-related damage

## Safety Check (Don't Skip This)

A few quick checks make all the difference:

Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors

Check fire extinguisher status

Replace batteries and confirm emergency exits are clear

## Inside Matters Too

A quick walkthrough now prevents surprises later:

Check for moisture or signs of leaks

Test appliances and HVAC systems

Run faucets and inspect under sinks

Look for any signs of pests

## Set the Scene for the Season

Make it feel like home again:

Clean and arrange outdoor furniture

Prep the grill and outdoor lighting

Refresh planters or landscaping



# Bald Eagles Soar in Delaware



Bald eagles can be found in all three counties in Delaware, typically near water. The majestic bird is one of the United States' most well-known symbols.

The decline of the mighty bird due to the pesticide DDT, hunting and loss of nesting habitats was such that by 1963, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, only hundreds of nesting bald eagles remained, a decrease in the order of 99% from two centuries earlier.

Today, however, the bald eagle is no longer endangered. Protections put in place by the federal and state governments have done their part and the eagle is now a success story, an icon of resilience and an example of how public policy can safeguard the natural world and its creatures.

Still, wildlife experts keep a close eye on the species, as they do many flora and fauna, to ensure the population remains healthy. To that end, the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in March of 2023 conducted a thorough survey of potential eagle nests throughout the state.

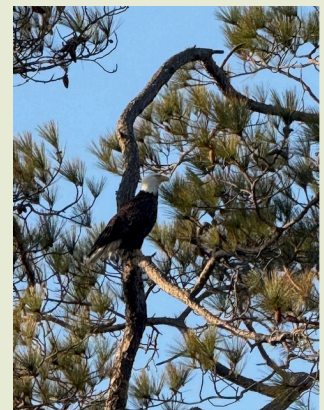
Over the course of two days, the DNREC Division of Fish and Wildlife's raptor, grassland and forest bird biologist visited 173 historic and reported eagles' nests up and down the state.

That biologist, Jordan Brown, spent eight hours a day as a passenger in a small Cessna aircraft checking possible nesting spots and recording the data. In all, 121 nests were confirmed as eagles' nests, with 82 of those being designated as active. This is an increase from 2018, when the last such survey was performed and DNREC recorded 106 nests, 77 of which were actively being used by eagles. In 1987, only four active bald eagle nests were observed in Delaware during a survey, according to Brown. Given that, it's clear the population here has rebounded.

Because bald eagles generally lay their eggs in the winter, Brown observed many parents caring for eggs or young during last year's search.

There were 82 active bald eagle nests observed in Delaware in 2023, up from four in 1987. Survey protocol and monitoring efforts have varied over the years and thus these numbers do not represent a complete count of all eagles in Delaware but do give an idea of trends.

Eagles typically build their nests in tall trees along bodies of water, giving them easy access to fish, the main staple of their diet, though they also feed on carrion. These nests can be found in all three counties here. After all, as Brown put it, "you don't have to go far in Delaware to find a body of water." While the bald eagle still has special legal protections, it's come a long way from being on the verge of extinction. Like all wildlife, the species does face challenges in the form of continuing urbanization and climate change, but it endures today as a proud icon of the United States.



Photos  
3/6/26  
Port Delmarva

# EVENTS

## April

### **Wednesday, April 01 – Sunday, April 19**

#### Lewes to host annual Tulip Celebration

The 17th annual Lewes Tulip Celebration, jointly sponsored by the Lewes ...

### **Friday, April 03**

#### Great Delaware Kite Festival and Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Registration 10 a.m., egg hunt 11 a.m., kite competition begins at 11:30 ...

### **Saturday, April 04**

#### Dewey Beach Egg Scoop

Van Dyke Street-Beach at the Hyatt. The free event and free ...

### **Saturday, April 04**

#### Guided bird walk

8 to 9:30 a.m., Prime Hook NWR multipurpose room, 12322 Turkle Pond Rd., ...

### **Saturday, April 04**

#### Easter Bunny Bonanza

10:30 a.m., Lewes Canalfront Park, Front St., Lewes. Easter Bunny arrives ...

## May

### **Saturday, May 16**

#### Rehoboth Beach Arts Festival

10 AM – 5 PM, Grove Park, Rehoboth Beach. Free The Rehoboth ...

### **Saturday, May 30**

#### Tenth Annual Southern Delaware Wine, Food & Musical Festival

From noon to 4 p.m. at the stunning Cambria Hotel (...)



# ♻️ RECYCLING IN DELAWARE ♻️



## ACCEPTED IN BIN

Place only these materials loose, empty, clean and dry in your recycling cart or dumpster:



### PAPER

Magazines, junk mail, paper bags, office paper, newspaper, etc.



### PLASTIC CONTAINERS

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**KEEP YOUR RECYCLING  
OUT OF BAGS. PLACE  
ITEMS LOOSE IN THE BIN.**



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## NOT ACCEPTED IN BIN

Keep these items out of your recycling cart or dumpster:



### SHREDDED PAPER



### FROZEN FOOD/ REFRIGERATED CONTAINERS



### FOOD WASTE



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### GARBAGE



### MIRRORS AND WINDOW GLASS



### TANGLERS Garden hoses, string lights, nylon rope, etc.



### SCRAP METAL



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### YARD WASTE



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# How to Make a Sunshine Cocktail



A drink perfect for beach days and working on your tan

## Ingredients

2oz. white rum  
1/2oz. French vermouth  
1oz. pineapple juice  
1dash grenadine

## Directions

Yields:

1 serving(s)



## STEP 1

Shake ingredients well with cracked ice, then strain into a chilled cocktail glass.

# Seared Salmon with Pistachio Pesto

Servings: 4

## Ingredients

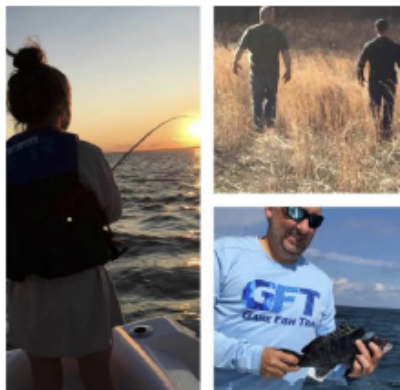
1 (2-pound) center-cut, skin-on salmon fillet (about 1 3/4-inches thick)  
1/4 teaspoon black pepper  
3/4 teaspoon kosher salt, divided  
1 cup packed fresh mint leaves, chopped  
1/4 cup toasted unsalted pistachios ), chopped  
3 tablespoons Parmesan cheese  
1 small jalapeño chile or red Fresno chile, seeded and finely chopped (about 1 tablespoon)  
1 tablespoon grated lime zest (from 2 limes)  
1 (1-inch) piece fresh ginger, peeled and finely grated (about 1 teaspoon)  
1 medium garlic clove, finely grated (about 1/2 teaspoon)  
3/4 cup plus 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil, divided

Directions Step 1 Sprinkle salmon with pepper and 1/4 teaspoon salt; set aside. Stir together mint, pistachios, cheese, chile, lime zest, ginger, and garlic in a small bowl. Stir in 3/4 cup oil; sprinkle with remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt. Set pesto aside. Step 2 Heat a large cast-iron or carbon steel skillet over high. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil. Once oil shimmers and begins to smoke, add salmon, flesh side down; cook until edges of salmon are golden brown and begin to form a crust, about 4 minutes. Using a large spatula, flip salmon skin side down; reduce heat to medium, and cook salmon to desired degree of doneness, 10 to 12 minutes for medium. Transfer salmon to a platter, and let rest 5 minutes. Serve with pesto

# Port Classifieds



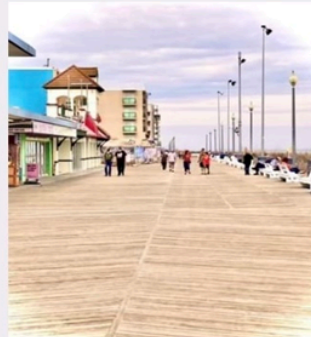
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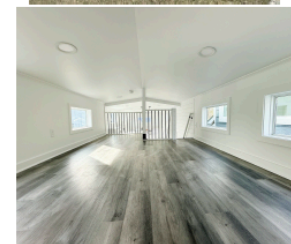
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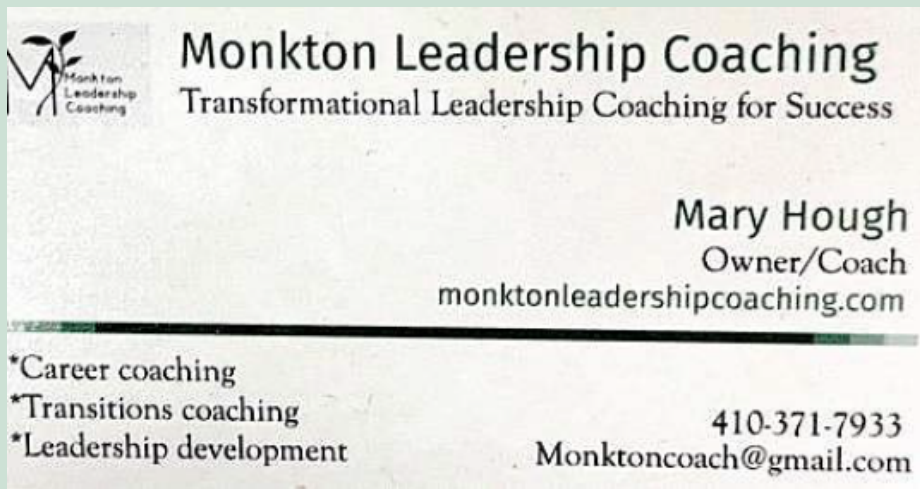
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