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SUMMER IS HERE & SCHOOL IS OUT SOON!!

The warm weather is upon us and school will soon be out. Our children will be walking, running, playing, riding bicycles, going to and fro with little concern about safety. Adults will be cooking on the outdoor grills. Drivers may be looking forward to the weekend anticipating trips to the beach. It is a time of year when we all become more relaxed and playful.

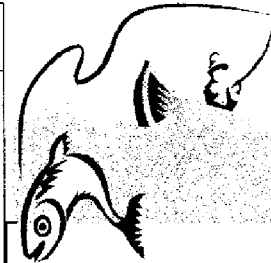


This quarter's newsletter has some safety issues we oftentimes put aside as we enjoy the sunshine and all that summer means for us individually. Inside you will read about the importance of smoke detectors and how to secure one free of charge. There is a short reminder about pedestrian safety. MADD is an organization that has all of our safety in mind. Their motto of "The first to listen ... the last to turn away" says it all on page 2. The centerfold is a repeat article from my December 2006 newsletter but with additional numbers. It responds to the many requests I have received to reprint these important city and county telephone numbers. There is information for dog owners regarding licensing.

Enjoy all that Dover has to offer its citizens, but do it with safety in mind.

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Have a safe
summer season!

MADD - MOTHERS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

The mission of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) is to stop drunk driving, support the victims of this violent crime and prevent underage drinking.

- ◆ MADD offers support, guidance and information for people who were injured or killed in alcohol-related crashes
- ◆ MADD provides FREE and CONFIDENTIAL assistance to all persons victimized by the crime of drunk driving, regardless of gender, race, ethnicity or age. The program is funded through the Delaware Criminal Justice Council by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
- ◆ MADD understands your need to ask questions, receive answers and information at this very difficult time.

Their victim advocates are fully trained and provide valuable information, resources and emotional support. Many of them live with injury or have experienced the sudden loss of a loved one. Advocates can inform you about drinking and driving laws and victim rights in Delaware; tell you how to obtain crash reports and offender's previous criminal history; assist in preparing Victim Impact Statements; and can accompany you to court. In some situations, they may advocate for services available through local or state agencies or government departments. They can refer you to a list of civil attorneys who are sensitive to victim issues and are skilled in handling wrongful death and personal injury civil cases, while guiding you through the criminal and civil process.

A toll-free statewide victim assistance telephone number (1-877-630-6233) puts you in contact with a victim advocate in Delaware. Their policy is to return your call within 24 hours. If immediate assistance is needed, a national hotline telephone number is 1-800-GET-MADD.

MADD has developed a line of booklets to address the special emotional needs of children, teens, parents, spouses, siblings, employers, friends and injured survivors. All are available in Spanish and English. To receive copies; write to

MADD Delaware Chapter
17 East Market Street
Georgetown, DE 19947
or call
1-877-630-6233 or 302-853-6233

DOG LICENSING

Dog owners should be mindful of the regulations regarding licenses for their dogs. This information can be confirmed with the licensing agents listed below.

Between sunset and sunrise a dog must be:

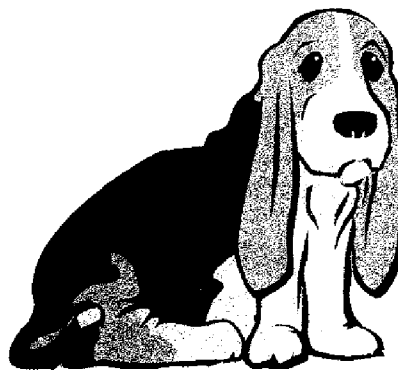
- A. confined within an enclosure from which it can not escape.
- B. firmly secured by means of a collar, chain or other device so it can not stray; or
- C. under reasonable control of some person, or when engaged in hunting by the owner

SOME LICENSING INFORMATION

Dog licenses are sold by more than 50 licensing agents throughout the State of Delaware. Guide dogs are exempt from the license fee when used by a blind or hearing impaired person. All dogs 6 months of age or older must be licensed on or before March 1st. All state licenses expire December 31st. The minimum fine for failure to license a day is \$50. Proof of sterilization must be provided when applying for a license. A dog tag must be attached to a collar and worn at all times. Licenses benefit the dogs, dog owners and the community because it helps unit dogs with their owners as well as providing proof of ownership; helps to prevent spread of rabies; helps animal control officers to resolve dog related issues; encourages spaying and neutering; and provides funds for the dog control program.

In Kent County, the following are a few of the licensing agents:

All Pets Medical Center	653-2300
Boscov's (Dover)	734-9210
Dover Air Force Base	677-5553
Forest Avenue Vet Clinic	736-3000
Hartly Feed & Hardware	492-0775
K-Mart (Dover)	678-8020
Kent County SPCA	698-3006
Sassafras Vet Hospital	659-3624
Spencer's Pets & Supplies	653-8011
WalMart (Canden)	698-9170
WalMart (Dover)	674-2159
WalMart (Milford)	422-4456





CITY OF DOVER TELEPHONE NUMBERS
(DO NOT USE AREA CODE 302 WHEN MAKING LOCAL CALLS)

Information - Municipal Offices	736-7000
Mayor's Office	736-7004
City Manager	736-7005
City Council	736-7006
Inspections	736-7010
Planning	736-7010
Property Taxes & Assessments	736-7022
Trash	736-7025
Water/Sewer - 24 hours	736-7060
Electric Emergency - 24 hours	736-7086
Library	736-7030
Post Office	734-5821
Police Department	736-7111
Police, Fire & Ambulance	911
Dover Housing Authority	678-1965
Electric/Water Billing Questions	736-7040
Sanitation/Streets - 24 hours	736-7060

**KENT COUNTY
AND OTHER PHONE NUMBERS**



Kent County Information	744-2300
Building Permits	744-2451
Inspections & Enforcement	744-2445
Kent Conservation District	741-2600
Levy Court	744-2305
Planning & Zoning	744-2471
Receiver of Taxes	744-2341
Recorder of Deeds	744-2314
Registrar of Wills	744-2330
Sheriff	736-2161
Delaware Helpline	1-800-464-4357
Consumer Protection Unit	1-800-220-5424
Div. of Child Protective Services	739-4800
Div. Of Child Support Enforcement	739-8299
Senior Services Info/Referral	698-6444
Street Lights/Sewer/Trash Collect.	744-2430
Tax Letters for Mobile Homes	744-2336

???? NEED HELP ????

It is a toll free statewide information and referral service that connects you to state services ... and provides you with assistance for problems, concerns and issues in your life.

Delaware Helpline 1.800.464.4357

www.delawarehelpline.org

Get info and referrals for financial assistance; emergency housing and food; government services; utilities assistance; legal services; child support; transportation; health care; mental health counseling; senior services; family issues, professional licensing and much more.

WALK IN MEDICAL CARE

When life's little emergencies strike, come to Walk In Medical Care. Locations are in Dover, Middletown and Milford. Walk In Medical Care is Bayhealth Medical Center's walk-in treatment facility for patients with minor illnesses and injuries. Staffed by Bayhealth-employed medical providers, Walk In Medical Care provides the same first class high quality care expected of a Bayhealth facility. They accept many insurance plans, credit cards, cash and checks.

The following services are also offered at four locations:

- * Minor medical care for injury or illness
- * Physical exams for school, sports or pre-employment
- * Drug and alcohol testing
- * X-ray and lab services

Dover: 1275 State St 302-678-1303 – M-F 7:30am-7PM; Sat 9am-3pm; Sun/Hol 11am-3pm
1121 Forrest Ave (Modern Maturity) 302-346-0100 - M, Thu, Fr 8am-4pm

Middletown: 209 E.Main St 302-449-1449 – M-F 8am-7pm; Sat 9am-3pm; Hol 11am-3pm

Milford: 301 Jefferson Avenue 302-430-5705 – M-F 7:30am-5pm; Hol 11am-3pm

Visit them on the web: bayhealth.org/about/other.sp#walk

THE POISON CENTER

In the United States, poison centers provide immediate treatment advice for poison emergencies. They also provide information about poisons and poison prevention, 24 HOURS A DAY, 7 DAYS A WEEK. Poisons can hurt you – or even kill you – if you eat, breathe or get them in your eyes or on your skin. The Poison Center can help with questions about:

- * Household products
- * Chemicals at work or in the environment
- * Prescription drugs, over-the-counter, herbal, illegal drugs or animal medicines
- * Bites from snakes, spiders, or scorpion stings

Specially trained nurses, pharmacists or doctors at the center will help and all services are **FREE AND CONFIDENTIAL**. Poison Center services are available for people with hearing problems and for non-English speakers.

Poison Prevention Tips

STORE medicine and household products where children can not reach them – use locks

STORE poisons in their original containers

USE child resistant packaging - Nothing is child proof!

READ labels and follow directions on medicines and products

LOCK medicines and products away after use

CALL it medicine not candy

CHILDREN imitate .. Take medicines when children are not watching

TEACH children to ask an adult before eating or drinking anything.

HAS PERSON COLLAPSED?? - Call 911 immediately

POISON IN EYES? - Rinse eyes with running water for 15 to 20 minutes - CALL *

POISON ON SKIN? - Remove clothing touched by poison; rinse skin w/running water – CALL*

INHALED POISON? - Get to fresh air right away and CALL *

SWALLOWED WRONG OR TOO MUCH MEDS? - CALL *

SWALLOWED SOMETHING THAT IS NOT FOOD OR MEDS? - Drink small amount of milk or water and CALL *

*** CALL 1-800-222-1222 ***

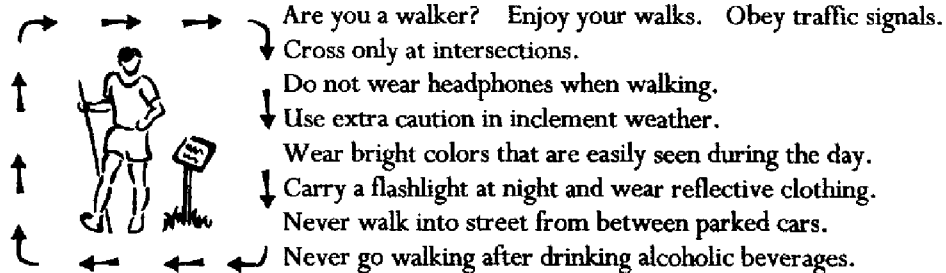
FREE SMOKE DETECTORS

Smoke detectors warn us to escape from a fire. However we must take care of them by:

- * testing the detector every month
- * replace the battery at least once a year or when they make a 'chirping' sound

The best location for a smoke detector is outside the bedrooms in our home, or one on each level of a multi-story house. **KNOW** how to escape; **ALWAYS** help those who need help; **PLAN** your escape route; **PRACTICE** leaving your home; and, **DECIDE** one place outside where family members should meet.

Free detectors are available to Dover residents at the NEW fire house downtown Dover with proof of residency Monday through Friday, 9am – 3pm. Take the time to view the new Dover fire station while you are there.



ENJOY YOUR WALK!
DON'T BECOME A PEDESTRIAN STATISTIC!
BE ALERT!
YOU ARE NOT MUCH COMPETITION
FOR A 2500 POUND VEHICLE!!