

Some Upcoming Events

Amish Country Bike Tour
Dover, Delaware
September 12, 2009

Maryland Lighthouse Challenge
Chesapeake Bay
September 18 – 20, 2009
www.cheslights.org/challenge.htm

SunFest
Ocean City, MD
September 24 - 27, 2009
www.ococean.com

Chesapeake Celtic Festival
Snow Hill, Maryland
October 3 & 4, 2009
www.celticfest.net

Family Fall Festival
Turner's Creek, Maryland
October 10, 2009
kentparksandrec.org

**Hauntings in History
Walking Tour**
New Castle, Delaware
October 16, 17, 23, 24, & 30
www.newcastlehistory.org

Oyster and Seafood Festival
Rock Hall, Maryland
October 24 – 25, 2009
www.rockhallmd.com

More information on these and other events
can be found at ShoreToBeFun.com -
Calendar of Events

Autumn Approaches

As another page of the calendar turns moving from August into September, from Summer to Autumn, one starts to realize that the year is nearly two thirds over.

It wasn't very long ago that the sun shone for its longest day, but now it's obvious that the days are getting shorter. Depending on the time you rise in the morning it may still be dark instead of being woken by the light of the new day.

In the evening the air will begin to have that first cool nip hinting that soon it's going to be much cooler. The Delmarva Peninsula is moving from Summer to Fall.

Many feel that the autumn is the best time of the year. I certainly can understand why.

The farmers will begin to do their fall harvest of corn and soy beans. These have been a staple of farm life for generations.

Migratory birds are beginning to appear and with them the hunters will prepare their blinds.

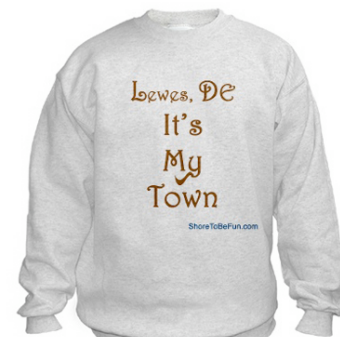
With the autumn comes the Fall Festivals.

Many communities will be having harvest, waterfowl or wildlife festivals. Along with our weekly highlighted events post, we have added a listing some of these festivals and will add them as we learn of more.

Even though the warm days of summer are coming to a close and

the cooler days of autumn are fast approaching the beaches are still open for business. Autumn is a great time to visit a beach. Cool nights listening to the water waves are very relaxing.

Life is great on the Delmarva Peninsula, with autumn a great time of year.



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The Lower Counties

It was on August 24, 1682 James, Duke of York granted to William Penn "all that land on the Delaware River and Bay beginning twelve miles south of the town of Newcastle otherwise called Delaware, and extending south to the Whorekills, otherwise called Capin Lopin, on yearly payment of one rose to the Duke of York on the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, if demanded." This was how Delaware became part of the Pennsylvania Colony.

These three Lower Counties had been a matter of disagreement for a number of years. When Cæcilus Calvert, 2nd Baron Baltimore was granted a Charter for what became

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the Maryland Colony, he felt that this land should be part of Maryland. It was also claimed by the Dutch, whose Colony Zwaanendae, now Lewes, Delaware began in 1631, predating the Maryland Charter.

The Swedes also established a colony further north near present day Wilmington. The Dutch and the Swedes couldn't live in peace. By the 1650's both the Dutch and Swedes had established settlements. The Dutch called the Delaware River the South River and from their American base in New Amsterdam (New York), in 1655 they went to war against the Swedes sending ships and soldiers from New Amsterdam. Without a battle the Swedes surrendered.

The Dutch controlled the Americas from New Amsterdam (New York) to the mouth of the Delaware Bay calling the area New Netherland. They established New Amstel (now New Castle) on the South (Delaware) River. Unfortunately for the Dutch there were English settlements to both their North and to the South. In 1664 the English send a fleet of ships to New Amsterdam demanding that the Dutch turn their territory over to them. The Dutch surrendered. New Amsterdam was rename New York, (for James, Duke of York) and New Amstel became New Castle. The Calverts still thought that Delaware should be part of Maryland, but James disagreed.

When William Penn was originally granted Pennsylvania the agreement excluded New Castle and lands within 12 miles of it. This is how the 12 Mile Arc border between Delaware and Pennsylvania was established.

Penn wanted an outlet from his land to the Atlantic and convinced James to lease to him the Western Shores of the Delaware Bay.

**2009
Fall Festivals**

**September 12 & 13, 2009
Nanticoke Indian Powwow**
Longneck, Delaware – Near Rehoboth Beach
www.nanticokeindians.org

**September 17 – 20, 2009
Eastern Shore Birding & Wildlife Festival**
Cape Charles, Virginia
www.esvachamber.org/events/birding.asp

**September 19 – 20, 2009
Native American Festival Nause-Waiwash Band of Indians**
Vienna, Maryland
www.viennamd.org/towntalk.html

**September 26, 2009
Rock Hall's FallFest**
Rock Hall, Maryland
www.mainstayrockhall.org/fallfest

**October 3, 2009
2nd Annual Fall Festival at Community Church**
Ocean Pines, Maryland

**October 9 & 10, 2009
Apple Scrapple Festival**
Bridgeville, Delaware
www.applescrapple.com/

**October 10, 2009
Oyster Festival**
Chincoteague Island, Virginia
www.chincoteagueoysterfestival.com

**October 14 – 18, 2009
Rehoboth Beach Autumn Jazz Festival**
Rehoboth Beach, Delaware
www.rehobothjazz.com

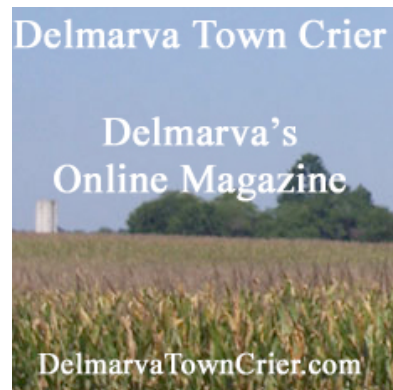
**October 16 & 17, 2009
Chestertown Wildlife Festival**
Chestertown, Maryland
www.chestertownwildlife.org/

**October 17 & 18, 2009
American Indian Fall Festival & Pau-Wau**
Bending Water Park
Marion Station, Maryland
www.skipjack.net/le_shore/heritage/nativam/powwow.html

**October 23 – 25, 2009
Sea Witch & Fiddlers Festival**
Rehoboth beach, Delaware
www.beach-fun.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=specialevents.seawitch

**October 31, 2009
Wings & Wheels Fly-In Festival**
Georgetown, Delaware
www.wings-wheels.com/

**November 13 – 15, 2009
Waterfowl Festival**
Easton, Maryland
www.waterfowlfestival.org/



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