Special Event: Dewey Beach Commemorates the Storm of '62

Life Saving Station #1 Dagsworthy Avenue Dewey Beach, DE 19971 Friday, March 9, 2012 – 7:30 P.M.

Property owners, residents, and business owners of Dewey Beach are invited to attend:

No storm in our area has ever caused the loss of life and destruction as the Storm of '62. It hit with little warning and lasted through five high tides. Never before had Mother Nature's fury unleashed such powerful winds, generating waves as high as 20-40 feet! Our town was completely under water. Sand was pushed onto roads and in and around homes; in some cases the sand deposits were 3-4 feet high. Homes, businesses and public property were demolished. Damages were estimated to exceed \$70 million in the State of Delaware alone.

March 6-8, 2012, is the 50th anniversary of the Storm '62. In Dewey Beach, the commissioners plan to commemorate this historic event with a showing of a documentary film with Barbara Dougherty, our town historian, as speaker. It will be held on the Friday evening before our next town meeting in March.

It would be especially helpful if other town residents/property owners who remember the storm and its aftermath could attend to share their experiences and memories of this event.

Agenda:

- Opening Comments and Introductions
- Showing of the film, Delaware's '62 Storm—A Shared Response (Michael Oates, Anew, Inc.)
- Comments by Barbara Dougherty, our town historian, and others who remember the storm
- Discussion of what would happen today if a similar storm struck the town
- How we can best protect ourselves and our property and cope with the circumstances

Reception following with light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments

So that we know how many to plan for, please RSVP to: Diane Hanson Mayor Town of Dewey Beach <u>Diane.hanson@townofdeweybeach.com</u> 610 322 8527 (Cell)

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Bill Brown, Acting Executive Office Manager