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Competition winners to be featured in city's 2022 calendar

Rehoboth Reflections is a new, annual photo competition hosted by the City of Rehoboth Beach. The competition, open to amateur and professional photographers, provides an opportunity to share images that demonstrate the diversity, beauty, and vibrancy of the Rehoboth Beach community – in all seasons.

platforms, and we thought that hosting a photo competition would be a fun way to further share and celebrate some of those photos and the places, events, and people that make Rehoboth such a vibrant community," says Communications Specialist Lynne Coan. "Because we plan to use the winning photos in our 2022 calendar, we hope that residents and visitors will share photos of Rehoboth Beach from all seasons."

Submissions are limited to three entries per photographer. Find additional guidelines and submit photos at cityofrehoboth.com/rehoboth-reflections.



City rehabilitating its wastewater facility

Over the course of a decade or more, the City of Rehoboth Beach is investing \$70 million to upgrade its wastewater treatment facility and equipment in order to maintain permit compliance and avoid discharging treated water into the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal. The first project in this effort was the ocean outfall, completed in 2018 at a cost of approximately \$40 million; the outfall discharges treated water a mile out into the Atlantic Ocean. The remaining \$30 million is funding phased improvements to the city's wastewater facility, with work expected to continue through 2026.

The city's one dozen wastewater employees process up to 2 million gallons per day during the busy summer season, relying on bacteria and a variety of microscopic bugs to assist in cleaning the water that spends about 24 hours onsite being treated. The wastewater is sampled and tested in each step of the treatment process.



A recent tour of the treatment facility provided a perhaps "more than one really wants to know" glimpse of what happens after we flush.

separate out inorganics and debris. Photo number 1 above shows water leaving T1 and entering the sludge tank.

2. The water flows to a tank where it's mixed with air and sludge loaded with bacteria (which is returned from a later step in the process). Microscopic bugs also are eating away at the organic materials at this stage.
3. The water makes its way to one of two clarification tanks, where organic materials settle to the bottom and are removed (and reused in step 2) and clear water flows over the top.



4. The clarified water is pumped through additional, fine filters.
5. In a separate holding tank, sodium hypochlorite is added to disinfect the water.
6. The water then moves to another area where bisulfate is added to dechlorinate it. Air also is added to the water to improve its quality for marine life.
7. Treated water is pumped through pipes to the ocean outfall. The resulting sludge currently is transported to a farm field. The upgrades will allow the city to create drier sludge as a byproduct, which is better for the environment and eliminates the need to transport sludge to a farm field.





Help put Junction & Breakwater in Hall of Fame

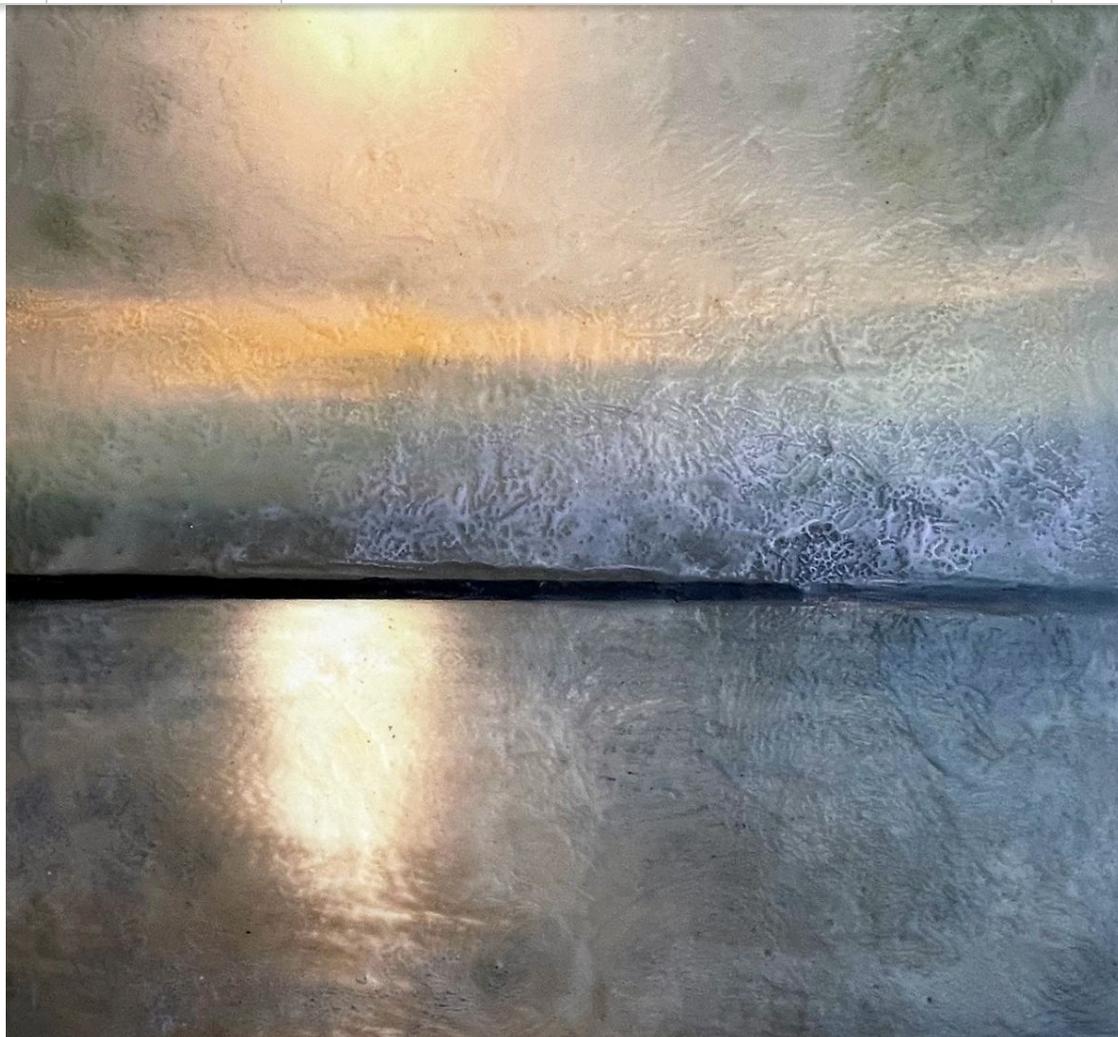
Tomorrow is the last day to [vote](#) the Junction & Breakwater Pathway and Georgetown - Lewes Trail, as a pair, into the Rail-Trail Hall of Fame.



If selected, these Delaware treasures would join more than 30 other iconic trails that are nationally recognized in the Rail-Trail Hall of Fame. You can vote as many times as you'd like. The winner will be announced later this summer.

"We're thrilled to have part of Delaware's amazing trail system recognized nationally by the Rails-to-Trails Conservancy," says Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control Secretary Shawn Garvin. "Our trails provide health

benefits to users and allow them to see the state's phenomenal natural resources along the way, and we hope this nomination spurs even more pedestrians and bicyclists to enjoy these incredible public spaces."



Make your way to the second floor of City Hall through September 19 to view the most recent Rehoboth Art League exhibit, *Local Inspiration*. The 17 artworks on display represent a variety of mediums and styles.

Welcome, new businesses

New City of Rehoboth businesses or businesses with contact or name changes in July include:

Downtown Beach Rentals dba Seachange Vacation Rentals (*previously in location Jacqueline MC Photography*)

45 Lake Avenue
302-227-5566

VAGR Venture One LLC dba RB Convenience

107 Rehoboth Avenue
302-567-2224

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