

Yorktown Beach Hotel Saying Goodbye To Summer With Neighborhood Puppy Plunge

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YORK-A popular waterfront hotel in York County is going to the dogs.

Matt Bowry, managing partner and general manager of the Yorktown Beach Hotel on Water Street, is welcoming canines in the Yorktown Village area and their owners to the hotel's inaugural Pooch Plunge from noon to 2pm on Saturday, September 24.

The hotelier is offering the once-a-year opportunity to let local pooches swim, splash, and plunge in its pool before it is closed for the season.

Bowry said the Puppy Plunge at the pet-friendly hotel will offer dogs the opportunity to frolic with new friends in the fenced-in pool area. During the event, dog owners can also look forward to a tour of the new lobby and speaking with Bowery about the changes that have occurred and what's in store for the three-building, 57-guest-room hotel as he continues to remodel the facility that was originally established in the 1960s.

Formerly known as the Duke of York Hotel, M.A. Bowry & Company LLC bought the \$3-million property from Crockett Enterprises LLC on July 2, 2021. The new lobby, which should be finished within the next ten days, is situated in what used to be the former hotel's restaurant space.

Bowry said he heard about hotels holding similar events at the end of the summer months.

"I think that it will be a great way to thank the Villagers for their ongoing support of the hotel and a happy day for the dogs," said Bowry. "I have had the pleasure of meeting a handful of the Village residents and hope that this will be an opportunity to connect with more of them."

Bowry said the hotel's still in the first stage of a three-stage construction plan. He is adding a conference room to the first floor for local and out-of-state businesses to conduct meetings that will accommodate approximately 20 people as well as a rooftop bar for guests to enjoy scenic views of the Yorktown waterfront.

The hotel is located at 508 Water St. in Yorktown. This year's Puppy Plunge is limited to the first 20 responses. Advance registration is required. To express interest in attending the event, email info@yorktownbeachhotel.com