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Town Manager



Fall 2018
Sept., Oct., Nov.

The Delmar, Delaware Municipal Election for one (1) Mayor and two (2) Council Members will be held on Monday, October 1, 2018. Qualified voters may vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Mayor and Council

Town of Delmar, Delaware

2018 Election Calendar

Deadline- Candidacy Filing

Monday, September 3, 2018 by 4:30 p.m.

Deadline- Voters to Register

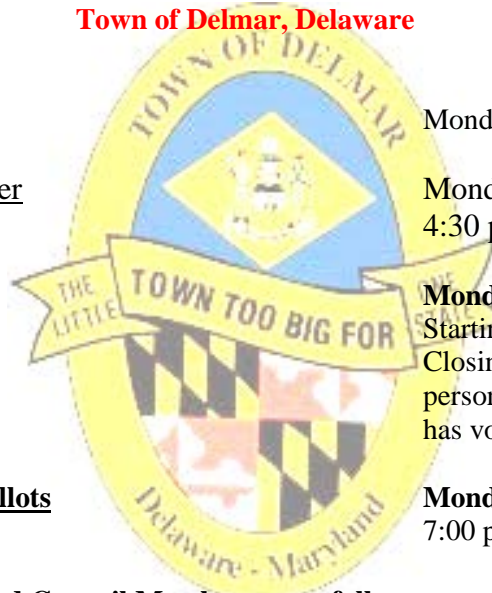
Monday, September 12, 2018 by 4:30 p.m.

Election Date

Monday, October 1, 2018
Starting at 7:00 a.m.
Closing at 7:00 p.m. or until the last person in line at close of doors has voted.

Absentee & Emergency Ballots

Monday, October 1, 2018
7:00 p.m.



Qualifications for Mayor and Council Member are as follows:

- (a) A resident of the United States and of the State of Delaware and a resident of the Town of Delmar, Delaware for at least one (1) year preceding the municipal elections;
- (b) Be at least 18 years of age
- (c) Each of the qualifications for Town Council and Mayor shall be continuing qualifications to hold office and the failure of any of the Council Members or the Mayor to have any of the qualifications required by the above during the terms of his/her office will create a vacancy in the office.

Certificates of Candidacy must be completed at the Town Hall by 4:30 p.m. no later than Tuesday, September 4, 2018. No person shall file for nomination to more than one (1) elective office at a time.

To be eligible to vote in this upcoming municipal election, persons must be at least 18 years of age, and who has resided in the Town of Delmar, Delaware and the State of Delaware for at least six (6) months preceding the day of the election and must register at Town Hall. Registration is from Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Delmar, MD. Registration deadline is Monday September 12, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.

Please contact Town Hall with any questions at (302)846-2664 or (410)896-2777, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

2018 Heritage Day Celebration

The 2018 Delmar Heritage Day Celebration is less than a month away. This year's celebration takes place Saturday, September

15, 2018. The Opening ceremony will begin at 9:00 am in the Delmar downtown business district on N. Pennsylvania Ave. Morning activities and events will be held in the downtown area, on North and South Pennsylvania Avenues between E. Jewell St. and E. East St. The area will be closed to through traffic from 7:30 am – 4:00 pm day of the event. The day’s celebration will feature live music, exhibitors, merchandise and food vendors, special activities and giveaways that will appeal to youth and adults alike. The fifth annual inter-state tug-of-war is slated to take place on Pennsylvania Ave. at E. State Street. **Rules of Engagement for the Tug-of-War:** There’ll be a max limit of (20) members per each State’s team but each team will be restricted to an equal number of participants. (Those who wish to participate can sign-up in advance at Delmar Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave. or register the day of the event at the Town Hall booth. The Mayor (or their designee) will serve as team captain for each State and be responsible to assure each team has an equal number of participants **prior to starting the challenge to keep in it fair & fun!!** The winning State will have a plaque added to the trophy displayed at Town Hall and each participating team member will receive a medallion to commemorate their participation. 3C Church will host a basketball & skateboard contest along with other activities as well as food & drinks from 3:00 – 7:00 pm at Gordy Park. Trophies will be awarded winning contestants. The day’s celebration will end at Mason-Dixon Sports Complex with fireworks at dusk. Delmar Elementary School’s 1st Annual Bobcat 5K Run/1 Mile Walk Color Splash will take place September 15th starting at 8:00 am, Delmar Elementary School. Call 410-677-5178 or online at

secure.getactivefundraising.com for registration and event details.

Bring your family, friends and encourage your neighbors to come out and join in a day of celebration, enjoyment, and community spirit. Visit the Town website (www.townofdelmar.us) and the Delmar Facebook page for event and program itinerary or call Town Hall 410-896-2777/302-846-2664. See you September 15th!!



Community Revitalization Projects

DELMAR, MARYLAND –

- **Safe Route to School Project.** Start of construction has been tentatively slated to begin September 2018 pending remaining approvals by the State Highway Administration.
- **Gordy Park Pavilion Replacement Project.** New pavilion is in the final stages of construction.
- **Delmar Girl's Little League Softball Field Lighting Project.** Town submittal for FY19 CP&P grant funding to add lighting to the softball field at Mason Dixon Sports Complex has been endorsed by Wicomico County Department of Parks, Recreation and Tourism. The project has been approved by the Maryland Department of Natural Resources and is currently before the State of Maryland Board of Public Works for final funding approval.

DELMAR, DELAWARE –

- **Phase One, State Street Park Tot Lot Project** has been completed. The facility has been landscaped and new play equipment installed. It's currently open for play to tots 2-5 years of age, no animals allowed inside the fenced play area.
As the Town is in the process of upgrading our parks and play areas, please help us keep the Community park structures and playground equipment safe from vandalism. Please, immediately report any acts of vandalism to the Delmar Police Dept.



Community Development Block Grants

The Town of Delmar, Office of Community Development is accepting applications for FY20 Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehab Program from Delmar, Delaware and Maryland residents/homeowners. The program is designed to provide low-moderate housing rehab. assistance to low-moderate income resident homeowners experiencing sub-code housing conditions to bring them up to Delmar Code Livability Standards. Applicants are screened for program eligibility. Eligible candidates will be placed on a waiting list and provided assistance in accordance with their status as funding is allocated to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development by HUD. Assistance can never be guaranteed. Interested resident homeowners should

contact William Hardin, Community Development Coordinator at 410-896-2777 ext. 103 to obtain program eligibility information and receive an application. An applicant list is presently being generated for upcoming Town funding request application submittal.

Delmar Parks and Recreation Council is



looking for more members!!
If you are interested in becoming a member, please contact the Town by calling 410-896-2777 or 302-846-

2664, ext. 100 or email

Delmartownhall@verizon.net. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Delmar Town Hall. The Council members will also be at Heritage Day on September 15th if you would want to talk to a representative.

Delmar Utility Customers

We are happy to announce that we can provide a new mailing option for your quarterly billing. **We can email your quarterly bill directly to your email.**

The setup is quite simple! **Email us at delmartownhall@verizon.net from the email address that you wish to receive your quarterly bill and provide a brief message of your wish to begin the new E-Bill option. That is it!** We will attach the email address to your utility account. We will send out a “test” email to ensure proper delivery will occur prior to the new billing quarter.



Reminder

Delinquent utility bills accumulate an **interest of 1%** per month beginning the day after the due date. The due date is listed

on all utility bills and is generally one month after the billing date. Other penalties for late payments include a **\$10 administrative fee** on the seventh day after the due date.

- Disconnection for non-payment can occur as early as sixteen days after the due date. A **\$40 Disconnection fee is added as of 8 A.M. of day of scheduled disconnection.**
- If you are making an online payment please allow 24 hours for payment to be notated on account.
- If bill is not satisfied and disconnected; before water service will be restored the entire amount of the bill and a **\$10 reconnection fee** must be collected during regular business hours (8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.).
- Services can be restored **after hours up to 6 p.m. and the reconnection fee is \$30.** Payment must be rendered to Town Hall by 9 a.m. the following business morning or the evening of restoration. Payments can be deposited in our drop box located behind Town Hall.

NEW PAYMENT OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR OUR RESIDENTS!!!!

We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting payments via the web through a secured portal. It will accept credit cards, debit cards, and e-checks. Residents will be able to view the transaction history of their accounts, allow you to view multiple periods of your utility billing information including meter readings and usage and a minimum of three years of tax history. Just go to the Town’s website, www.townofdelmar.com

and click the payment link..... and follow the instructions to submit your payment to your account. Payments received through this portal will be imported on a daily basis and this will ensure the most updated information available. Below is a listing of items or features that are available to our residents.

- "Lookup only" or "lookup & payment"
- Account lookup - by name, by address, or by parcel ID
- Accepts credit cards, debit cards, or e-checks
- Secured payments processed through FIS Global (a PCI compliant company)
- Multiple periods of billing information including meter readings and usage
- Minimum of three years of tax history

We hope this enhancement will be enjoyed by our residents and provide a secure user friendly way to pay your utilities and taxes.



The Town of Delmar is reminding everyone that the Drive Thru lane(s) are open on **Monday's and Friday's 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (as staffing allows)** to accept payments for Taxes and Utilities.

All billing inquires must be handled inside. We appreciate your understanding. Thank you.



The Towns of Delmar MD & DE will be recognizing Halloween on Wednesday, October 31, 2018. Trick-or-Treating will be from 6:00

p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for children under 12 years of age. There will be no mischief night in either Town.

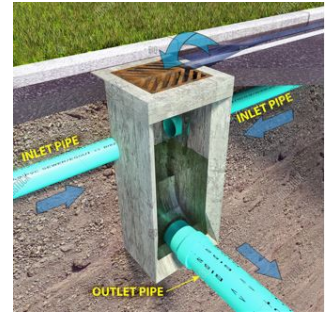
Grass Clipping Maintenance to Prevent Flooding- A note from the Code Enforcement Officer

Storm water flooding has been a major concern this Summer. With the heavy rain, grass has also been growing very quickly. As your new Code Enforcement Officer, I appreciate everyone's effort in working together to keep the grass within town limits cut to below 6 inches.

I have definitely seen an improvement in upkeep since I started my job with the Town of Delmar this May.

However, it is very important that when lawns are cut, grass clippings should be kept off of the sidewalks and streets so that the catch basins (drains in the street) can work properly in removing excess storm water. There is limited space in these catch basins, and when grass clippings flow into the grates, they can quickly fill up the basins and clog the pipes, much like hair in a sink.

The catch basins on State Street have recently been pumped out. If we work together to keep grass clippings off of the sidewalks and streets when we mow, these can remain in full working order, allowing the streets to drain more quickly when it rains.



-Liz Peek, Code Enforcement Officer

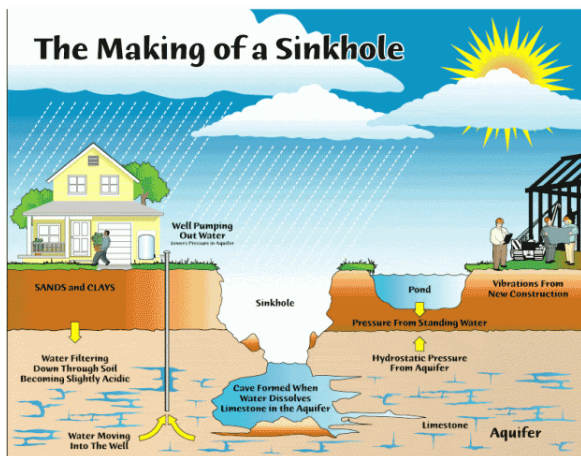
Notice from Public Works



Fire Hydrant Flushing will occur on Friday, October 19, 2018, starting at 9:00 p.m. and lasting until completion. Low water

pressure and/or discoloration may be experienced temporarily. We suggest storing water in advance for this period and we apologize in advance.

Note from the Director of Public Works
 Lead and copper sampling is required by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Delaware Office of Drinking Water and the Maryland Department of the Environment for the purpose to determine the lead and copper levels in your tap water. This is routine monitoring that occurs every 3 years. The goal of the Town of Delmar is to protect and enhance the health, environmental sustainability and the economic stability of the Town of Delmar and its' residents through the provision of clean drinking water. Currently, Public Works is looking for current customers to participate in our lead and copper sampling program. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sophia Oberton, Public Works Special Project Coordinator at 302-846-3696. Thank you in advance.



The Town of Delmar has assessed a number of sink holes in the area. The Public Works Staff has made some repairs and is working diligently in getting the remaining holes repaired. They are currently waiting on paving contractors for patching areas on York Street & Bi-State Blvd., 600 Second Street, Chestnut St. & Penn. Ave., and 414 Pine St. The remaining repairs will be fixed either through the Public Works Staff or an outside contractor. Please continue to

contact The Public Works Staff by calling 302-846-3696 whenever you notice one in Town. Thank you for your continued patience in this process.
 Director of Public Works

Town Hall Closings and Change of Meeting Date

Monday- September 3, 2018

Labor Day

Due to the holiday, the Utility Commission and the Mayor and Council will meet on Tuesday, September 4th.

Monday, November 12, 2018

Veterans Day

Thursday and Friday, November 24 & 25, 2018

Thanksgiving

Delmar VFW Dates to Remember

- Sept. 8- Bingo- Doors open at 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 9- Beef & Dumplings- St. Stephens Church 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.
- Sept. 12- Lions Club Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 15- Sat Nite Dinner- open to Public 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 20- Woodworkers Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- Sept. 23- Beef & Dumplings- 12:30- 4:00 p.m. Delmar V. Soccer Fundraiser
- 28- Friday Nite Dinner- Open to the Public Steak & Shrimp 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 30- Turkey Shoot 12 Noon
- Oct. 12- Friday Nite Dinner- Open to the Public 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- Oct. 14- Beef & Dumpling Dinner 12:30 – 4:00 p.m.- Republican for Sussex County Fundraiser
- Oct. 20- Bingo- Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.
- Oct. 21- Turkey Shoot 12 Noon
- Oct. 22- Hunter Safety 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 24- Hunter Safety 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- Oct 26- Friday Nite Dinner- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Crab ball & Shrimp Open to the Public
- Oct. 27- Bingo- Doors open at 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 28- Beef & Dumpling Dinner- 12:30 – 4:00 Benefit Delmar New Century Club
 Oct. 28- Turkey Shoot 12 Noon
 Oct. 29- Hunter Safety 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Oct. 30- MAC Inc- 12:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. – Help Seniors with Health Insurance
 Nov. 1- Hunter Safety 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
 Nov. 3- Hunter Safety- Outback in the AM
 Nov. 3- Dance- Front Page News 8:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m. Benefit- Wild Turkey Federation
 Nov. 4- Turkey Shoot- 12 Noon
 Nov. 9- Friday Nite Dinner- Open to the Public 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
 Nov. 10- Veterans Day Ceremonies
 Nov. 11- Turkey Shoot- 12 Noon
 Nov. 16- Dance- Dust to Bones- 8:00 p.m. – 12 a.m.
 Nov. 17- Bingo- Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.
 Nov. 18- Turkey Shoot 12 Noon
 Nov. 22- Thanksgiving- VFW Closed
 Nov. 25- Turkey Shoot 12 Noon
 Nov. 30- Friday Nite Dinner- Steak & Shrimp 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Open to the Public.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

It's time again for the nominations for The Delmar Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year. The deadline is Sept. 17, 2018. There is a nomination box located in the lobby at Delmar Town Hall. The qualifications of the nominees are the following:

- Must be a resident of the Delmar School District.
- Must have made a contribution for the improvement of the Community.
- Must show commitment and a contribution through a local church, social, business, school, chamber, or other community related project.
- Must be a role model reflecting strong character.

Driving Safety Refresher: Back to School

Autumn is almost upon us and schools across the county will soon be back in full swing. Along with busy ball fields and jungle gyms will come more kids running across the street and a plethora of yellow school buses on the highways. With this in mind, it's a great opportunity for drivers everywhere to brush up on a couple of back to school driving tips.



1- Double Check the Crosswalks
 Double and triple check those intersections for children walking to and from school.

Making full stops at Stop signs and red lights before turning right will give you the time you need to be completely sure the coast is clear.



2- School Zones

Have your foot covering the brake pedal and your eyes scanning the road when entering a marked school zone. School zones

require you to obey the 25 MPH or slower speed limit, regardless of the day of the week or time of day.



3- Yellow School Bus

There are special regulations in place to ensure that School buses get from their origin to their destination safe and sound.

When a school bus stops with its red brake lights flashing and/or its stop sign raised, you **MUST** stop from either direction until all the kids are safely across the street and the bus lights stop flashing.

Do not tailgate a bus as they often make sudden stops. When a school bus is trying to merge back into traffic, you **MUST** give them the right of way.

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