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Winter 2017-2018
Dec., Jan. & Feb.

MARYLAND INCUMBENTS GO UNCHALLENGED

The Town of Delmar, Maryland held its General Election on Tuesday, November 21, 2017 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Delmar Town Hall. The voter turnout was extremely low. Out of 2137 registered voters only 23 voted. There were no challengers and the incumbents ran unopposed. There were no write in candidates. On Monday, December 11, 2017 at 8:00 p.m., the Maryland Mayor and Commissioners will hold its' Oath of Office ceremonies for Mayor Karen Wells, Commissioner Donald Scholl and Commissioner Torlondo Tucker. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mayor Wells' new term will expire in 2019 and the terms for both Commissioner Scholl and Tucker will expire in 2021.

The Town of Delmar will be “going green”. **This current newsletter will be the last**



newsletter you will receive in the mail. All future newsletters will be available electronically at www.townofdelmar.us or via our Facebook page, @townofdelmar. This change will significantly reduce the amount of paper the Town utilizes on an annual basis, resulting in less waste. We do recognize that not all residents have access to social media and the internet therefore we will accept

requests to be placed on a special mailing list so that you can continue to receive our quarterly newsletters via U.S. Mail. Please contact Town Hall at (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664 if you wish to be placed on this list. Hard copies will also be available in our lobby. We want to thank the volunteers who have made the distribution of these newsletters possible over the years; Peggy Lubber, Theresa Souder, Jeanie Stitt, Sara Hughey, Eleanor Kaul, Mary Jane Parsons, Phyllis Beach and Carol Winkel.

Community-Wide Activities & Events

Delmar 2017 Heritage Day was celebrated September 16, 2017 and if you didn't join us, you missed a wonderful time of community interaction, celebration and fun. The weather was beautiful, attendance was at an all-time high, the offering of new activities, events and live music were enjoyed by all. There were tasty food & confection offerings provided by new and traditional vendors. The fireworks were even more spectacular than usual as was the basketball & skateboard tournament.

Delmar, DE regained the title of 2017 Interstate Tug-of-War winner. The trophy acknowledging DE as the 2017 winner was presented to Mayor Houlihan and is on display at Delmar Town Hall. Each participant on the DE team received a medallion commemorating the victory. The event was a lot of fun and demonstrated a strong display of community pride by both States. It will continue to be a featured annual event. We expect next year's tug of war to have an even larger number of participants as MD is determined to win back the title.

The Committee's goal to grow this year's celebration event with new activities, events and vendors exceeded expectations. Success of the 2017 celebration could not have been possible without the support and participation provided by the community and our sponsors. Thank you to all who joined in on the day's celebration. Special thanks goes out to the vendor/exhibitor's whose filled both sides of North and South Pennsylvania Ave. setting another all-time high.

The Town Administration and officials would like to acknowledge and offer its appreciation for the important role community members and its business partners play in making Heritage Day an annual success. It would not be possible without your continued participation, generous donations and other offerings of support. Together we continue to grow and strengthen Delmar as it strives to become an even more vibrant, healthy, friendly and safe community in which to live and work.

The Planning Committee thanks the Town elected officials for their support, participation and encouragement. A special thanks to the Heritage Day Planning Committee and the Delmar Public Works Department for your tireless efforts and dedication to coordinate the event.

We take this opportunity to further recognize the following sponsor/donors for their support and monetary donations:

- Bank of Delmarva
- 3C Church & John Siegel, Youth Coordinator
- Crystal Steel Fabricators
- Davis, Bowen, Friedel Inc.
- Delmar Fire & Police Departments
- Delmar Historic & Arts Society
- Delmar Pizza
- Houlihan Real Estate
- Short Funeral Home
- Steen, Waehler & Schrider-Fox, LLC
- Tidewater Utilities
- TMG Group, LLC
- Vincent Farms
- Chris & Karin Walter – CMI Construction
- 3rd Wave Brewery

The Committee pledges to raise the bar yet again for the 2018 celebration. We want to plan this community-wide event for you. So, we welcome and encourage your input. Provide your suggestions

to delmartownhall@verizon.net) and join us on the Town Facebook page. Be sure to periodically check the Town website (www.townofdelmar.us) for upcoming fundraising events.

Community Revitalization Projects

DELMAR, MARYLAND –

- **Safe Route to School Project.** Construction of 2200 linear feet of sidewalk and curbing along the eastside of S. Second St. from E. State to E. Walnut Sts. is in the final stages of design approval by the Federal Highway Administration and State Highway Administration. A community-wide announcement will be made prior to project start.
- **Gordy Park Pavilion Replace Project.** Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Community Parks and Playgrounds (CP&P) Program Grant has allocated funding for the project. Current plans to complete project by a May-June 2018 timeline are underway.
- **Delmar Girl's Little League Softball Field Lighting Project.** Town has submitted for FY19 CP&P grant funding to add lighting to the softball field at Mason Dixon Sports Complex. Status Open pending state approval.

DELMAR, DELAWARE –

- **State Street Park Tot Lot Project.** Town awaits grant funding approval by the Delaware Department of Natural Resources, Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails Program to move forward with renovation of the equipment and facilities at State Street Park Tot Lot.

Town of Delmar Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG)

The Town of Delmar, Office of Community Development is accepting applications for single family/owner resident low-moderate income housing rehabilitation assistance (CDBG Program) for SFY 19 MD (Wicomico County) and DE (Sussex County) funding rounds.

Delmar, MD has received funds to perform rehab to eligible (8) waiting list recipients pending completion of all preliminary program requirements by the State. The current grant includes funds that will allow the Town to entertain and provide “emergency assistance” to a limited number of qualified applicants for small scale eligible repairs. Interested parties may contact this office for eligibility determination.

Delmar, DE did not receive funding for SFY 18 funding round. The Town will apply in February 2018 through Sussex County for SFY 19 funding.

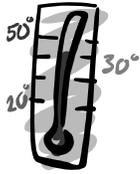
Housing rehab assistance is provided, when the Town receives funding, to eligible candidates in the order of their submittal and approval.

All DE and MD applicants must meet HUD income guidelines; be the current owner/occupant for at least one year prior to applying; and have an eligible rehab project that is required to meet the Delmar Code Livability Standards in order to be compliant. Residents who have received prior assistance are not eligible for additional CDBG assistance. **Applications may be obtained at Delmar Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Delmar, MD or contact William Hardin, Community Development Coordinator at 410-896-2777 or 302-846-2664, ext. 103 for more information on this and other programs geared to offer housing rehab assistance.**

REMINDER!!!!

Periodically check the Town website (www.townofdelmar.us) for event, program and project updates.

Prevent Winter Water Leaks



Winter weather is currently here and along with the winter weather comes the risk of frozen pipes. In order to avoid frozen pipes, allow a trickle of water to run through them and if the pipes are concealed by cabinets- open the cabinet doors to allow heat to get to them. If a pipe does indeed freeze and burst, contact Town Hall at (410)896- 2777 or (302)846-2664 as soon as possible to have the water turned off so that repairs may be made. If a pipe bursts after regular business hours, call the Public Works On-Call number (443)359-0894

Special Note

Residents with questions concerning their utility bills are encouraged to contact Town Hall upon receipt of the bill and prior to the due date. To help assist in the processing of payments as quickly as possible, residents should bring both sections of their bill to Town Hall when making payment.



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 the utility bills and is generally due 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 (16) days after the due date. A **\$40 disconnection fee is added as of 8 A.M. of the day of scheduled disconnection.** If a bill is not satisfied and services are disconnected, and 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.)*******Restoration of services after regular business hours will only occur until 6:00 p.m. with an additional \$30 reconnection**

fee. Payment is to be placed in the Drop Box located behind Town Hall prior to the next business day.** If you are making an online payment, Please allow 24 hours for payment to be notated on the account.**

Snow Removal



It is important for all of us to do our part when it comes to safety and snow removal. It is vital, and required by ordinance, for homeowners, residents and occupants to remove all snow and ice from the sidewalks surrounding their homes within 24 hours of the time that accumulation has ceased. Thank you in advance for doing your part in keeping the sidewalks safe.

Payment Options Change

- Payments can be made through our Town's website, www.townofdelmar.com through a secured portal
- You will not have to enter a PIN (personal identification number) to obtain your information within the payment option. This PIN will be printed on your next quarterly utility bill as well as your future tax bill.
- You can view transaction history of your account such as billing information, meter readings, usage, and three years of tax history.

Please follow the following steps to review your account and/or to make a payment:

1. Just go the the Town's website: www.townofdelmar. Us
2. Select "Links"
3. Select "Taxes and Utility Inquiry and Payment"
4. Enter PIN and account will populate

There are fees associated with paying your bill online. If you pay by ACH or e-check, there is a \$1.05 convenience fee. The fee for debit and credit card payments will be approximately 2.95% of your total bill.

Payments received through this portal will be imported on a daily basis and this will ensure the most updated information available. We hope this enhancement will be enjoyed by our residents and provide a secure user friendly way to pay your utilities and taxes.

Town Hall

Holiday Closings

Monday & Tuesday, December 25th and 26th Christmas

Monday January 1, 2018- New Year's Day

Monday, January 15, 2018 MLK, JR Day

Monday, February 19, 2018 President's Day

Meeting Changes

The January, 2018 meetings for the Utility Commission and Delaware Mayor and Council will take place on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm respectively.

Delmar, DE Holiday Trash Schedule

Both Christmas and New Year's fall on a Monday. Our service provider will be providing trash pick-up for Delmar, DE residents on the Wednesday after each holiday.



Support your local DELMAR Golf Course

!! This offer available to DELMAR residents and their guests only. Play 18 holes, with cart for just \$15.00 per player, with this newsletter notice. (One player must prove Delmar residency) Course will be open Friday, Saturday and Sunday, weather permitting, through March 2018.

We're Moving Back

The construction for the new and expanded Delmar Free Library is scheduled to be completed in March, 2018. Prior to the opening in the new building, there will be a period when library services will be suspended as they pack and move from their Sussex Highway location and set-up in their new building in Town. Information about these changes will be provided via the library's website: delmarpubliclibrary.org or via their Facebook page.

Special Events:

Adult crafts: Snowman Doorstop: Sat. Dec. 2nd from 2-4 pm. Paint a cute snowman on a brick that you can use as a doorstop, bookend or just a decorative piece of art! Pre-registration required. FREE !!

Holiday Open House-Wed. Dec. 20th from 5:30 – 7 pm. Crafts, refreshments, photos by Walgreens, and a special holiday visitor to hear your holiday wishes. FREE !!

Other programs can be found on the Event Calendar on their website:

<http://delmarpubliclibrary.org/EventCalendar.aspx>

Holiday closings for the Library are: Dec. 25th and 26th, Jan. 1st & 2nd; Jan. 15th and Feb. 19th.

Kiwanis of Delmar DE/MD

The Kiwanis of Delmar meet the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month at 6:30 p.m. They meet at All Saints Episcopal Church at 100 10th Street, Delmar, DE. Upcoming events: Delmar Town Holiday Parade Dec. 2nd at 2 pm; Caroling at the Delmar Nursing Home on Mon., Dec. 18th at 6 pm, If you are interested in joining them please contact Jeanne Stitt at 410-896-3955.

Delmar V.F.W. Calendar

December

- 13- Lion's Clun Meeting 6:30 pm
- 15- Friday Night Dinner 6 pm – 8 pm Open to Public
- 16- Bingo- Doors open at 4 pm. w/Dinner
- 17- WCDC Kids Christmas Party
- 18- VFW & VFW Aux. Meeting – 7:30 pm
- 20- Bar Bingo- 7 pm
- 25- Post Closed
- 31- New Year's Eve Dance 8:30 pm-1:00 am Open to Public

January

- 1- Black Eyed Peas for Good Luck
- 10- Lion's Club Meeting 6:30 pm
- 12- Friday Night Dinner 6 pm- 8 pm Open to Public
- 13- Quarter Auction- Delmarva Aces 4:30 pm – 10 pm
- 15- VFW & VFW Aux. Meeting 7:30 pm
- 17- Bar Bingo 7 pm
- 20- Bingo- Doors Open at 4 pm- w/Dinner

- 26- Friday Night Dinner 6-8 pm- Open to Public
February
- 3- Quarter Auction- Delmarva Aces-4:40 pm- 10 pm
- 4- Super Bowl Party- Tickets Available Now
- 9- Friday Night Dinner- 6-8 p.m.- Open to Public
- 14- Lion's Club Meeting 6:30 p.m.
- 17- Bingo- Doors open at 4 p.m. w/dinner
- 19- VFW & VFW Aux. Meeting 7:30 pm
- 21- Bar Bingo- 7 pm
- 23- Friday Night Dinner 6-8 pm. Open to Public
- 25- Beef & Dumplings 1-4 pm Sponsored by the Laurel Library

Delmar Edward Jones- Toys for Tots

Roger Martinson, the local Edward Jones financial advisor, is supporting the upcoming Toys for Tots program by using his office as a drop-off location for this year's toy drive. Local residents may help needy children in the area by bringing ready for the festivities and this is the season for giving, now is a great time to remember the less fortunate in our community. Bring in a new, unwrapped toy to the office; 38650 Sussex Highway, Stateline Plaza, Unit 7, Delmar, DE during regular business hours beginning Nov. 1st through Dec. 8th.

Edward Jones- Christmas Open House

Roger Martinson of Edward Jones is inviting everyone to their Christmas Open House, held on Tuesday, Dec. 5th, from 3-6 pm at their Stateline Plaza, Delmar, DE location. Refreshments will be served. Bring a friend and enjoy the celebration.

New Century Club

The Delmar New Century Club is hosting their 4th annual quarter auction on Feb. 3, 2018. They are raising money for our community out-reach programs such as Operation: We Care, the Delmar Food Pantry, Teen Challenge, Domestic Violence, the Homeless and many more programs. Tickets can be purchased in or at the door. The cost of the tickets are \$5.00 each and additional paddles can be purchased at the door for \$3.00 each. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. with games starting at 6:00 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available for purchase. Also any and all donations would be greatly appreciated to help make this event a huge

success. To purchase tickets in advance or to make a donation, please call Heather at 443-859-2612.

DelMarVa Model Railroad Club, Inc.

The Delmarva Model Railroad Club is Delmarva's largest club for model railroaders. The Club features layouts in N scale, N scale modules, HO, O Tinplate, O Scale, Standard and occupies over 2,000 square feet.

Holiday Open House dates at Camelot Hall are as follows:

- 2017-Saturday, Dec. 2nd from 11 am – 4 pm
- 2017-Sunday, Dec. 3rd from 12 noon – 4 pm
- 2018- Saturday, Jan 6th from 11 am – 4 pm
- 2018-Sunday, Jan. 7th from 12 noon – 4 pm
- 2018- Saturday, Jan. 13th from 11 am – 4 pm
- 2018- Sunday, Jan 14th from 12 noon – 4 pm

They will be offering raffles for:

- Lionel O-Gauge Train Set
- HO Scale Train Set
- N Scale Train Set

Relax in their lounge for a while; there will be train videos to watch and refreshments will be for sale.

The Open House will take place at 103 State Street, Delmar, DE; Camelot Hall. The Club meets every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. Their mailing address is DMRRRC, P.O. Box 19, Delmar, DE 19940. You can contact them by calling 302-856-9250 or 410-723-1709.



Please be advised that the Town will collect lawn clippings, leaves, grass, limbs, etc. free of charge when contacted by the resident. Limbs should be cut in lengths not to exceed four feet and should be in tied bundles no more than two feet thick.

The garbage provider is NOT responsible for removing this type of waste.

ALLIED WASTE provides a recycling container for disposal of recyclable items for Delmar, DE residents. Please **DO NOT** place garbage in these containers.

The following items ARE accepted by DSWA for recycling:

- Newspapers/Brown Paper Bags
- Magazines/Catalogs
- Telephone/Soft Cover Books
- Junk Mail/Envelopes (All Types)
- Office Paper
- Paperboard (cereal/tissue boxes) & Beverage Holders
- Corrugated Cardboard
- Narrow-Neck Plastic Bottles
- Milk Jugs, Bleach/Detergent & Shampoo Bottles
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Glass Bottles/Jars (Any Color)
- Metal Cans (tin/steel/aluminum)



Recyclable items are picked up every other Friday.

No more than (4) receptacles per household for weekly collection. Please be advised of this for future collection. If collection of bulky items or excessive amounts of debris is required, please contact Town Hall for assistance.

Items such as furniture or appliances can be removed by Public Works for a fee. Please contact Town Hall to receive a quote for disposal of these items.

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