Town of Delmar

2026 Fall/Winter

Newsletter





Message from the Desk of Municipal Clerk Layton:

~Utility Tidbits~

***AutoPay is here*!** Forget about paying your bill on time since it is quarterly? Well, we have a cure! Sign up for AutoPay through our website; townofdelmar.us. It is secure and very convenient. You just have to complete a few steps. Five business days prior to the due date a notice will be sent to the registered email stating the amount to be deducted and the date funds will be withdrawn. That's it!!!

Don't want to sign up for Auto Pay? Did you know that you can make weekly, bi-weekly and monthly payments on your Utility Account? Many residents have found that paying on their utility bill in this manner has really assisted in the ability to satisfy their quarterly billing by the due date. Just review your last few bills to obtain an average bill and split it out accordingly to fit your budget. If you need assistance in calculating your average, just give us a call or visit our website and review your billing history.

E-bills are also available. The setup is quite simple! **Email** townhall@townofdelmar.us **and provide your account number, address, and request the E-Bill option.** That's it! We will attach the email address to your utility account. Please note, you must be the legal property owner to receive the utility bill and signing up for E-billing will stop future bills from being sent via USPS.

Is Your Water Usage Gradually Rising?
In recent quarters, the Delmar Utility Commission has observed high utility bills among many residents with leaking toilets.
These leaks can waste hundreds or thousands of gallons of water.

The Cost of a Toilet Leak

For example, a malfunctioning toilet that uses an extra 30,000 gallons in one billing quarter can add $285.00 to the bill. Replacement parts typically cost $20–$30, making repairs far less expensive than a high utility bill.

The five most common causes of toilet leaks are listed below.

5 Most Common Causes of a Leaking Toilet



- Faulty Flapper
- Problems With the Fill Valve
- Refill Tube is Malfunctioning
- The Float Ball
- Worn Gasket

Check Your Toilet for Leaks

1. Place a few drops of food coloring in the toilet tank.
2. Wait 30 minutes without flushing.
3. Check the water. If the color appears in the bowl or the dyed water is completely gone from the tank, this indicates that the flapper seal or flush valve needs replacement.

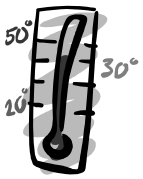
Get Help with Repairs

The website below offers guidance if you want to tackle the repair yourself. If the toilet continues to run, consider calling a professional plumber to resolve the problem before you waste more time and money.

https://www.wikihow.com/Fix-a-Running-Toilet

If you ever have any questions or concerns pertaining your bills, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss them. Our number one goal is to serve our residents!

Prevent Winter Water Leaks



Winter is here, bringing the risk of frozen pipes. To help prevent freezing, keep a trickle of water running and open cabinet doors to let heat reach enclosed pipes. If a pipe freezes and bursts, promptly call Town Hall at (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664 to have the water shut off for repairs. For a burst pipe after regular business hours, call Public Works On-Call at (443) 359-0894.

Help Prevent Sewage Blockages

The Town has experienced several sewage blockages. To help prevent further blockages, please do not flush any of the following items:

- Facial tissues
- Wipes of any kind
- Bandages and bandage wrappings
- Medical waste
- Pet waste
- Feminine products
- Diapers
- Cotton balls and swabs

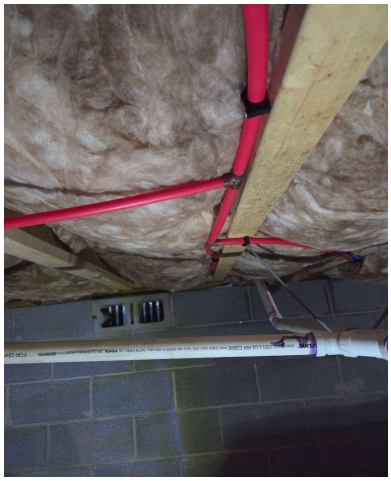
~GARBAGE TIDBITS~

- Garbage is to be placed at curbside the evening prior to collection no earlier than sunset OR prior to sunrise on the day of collection.
- Between the days of collection, containers, including any structure designed to store them, shall be located on the back half of the house out of the line of sight from the street upon which the property fronts. Thank you for your cooperation in helping keep our Town free of debris.

- All questions and concerns are to be directed to our contractor Seagull Disposal at 443-880-0809

A Message from the Desk of Planning & Zoning Director, Twain Evanson:







It's that time of year again and now is the time to start preparing for the cold season per International Residential Code and International Energy Conservation Code. The best way to prepare your home for winter is to seal air leaks and insulate the attic space. Keeping the heat inside is extremely important and the attic is usually the best place to start because the heat rises and escapes through gaps in the ceiling and inadequate insulation.

Crawl space insulation is critical in order to stop cold floors and moisture. You can insulate the foundation walls rather than the floor above. Remember to Air seal the rim joist, cover the ground and seal the vapor barrier to the foundation walls and around the piers. Seal plumbing, wiring and air leaks is another method that will reduce heat loss, and stops condensation.

1. **Pipe freezing protection: Insulate pipes**
   PEX pipes will prevent freezing and bursting because they are flexible and freeze resistant. PEX lines keep hot water hot as it travels from your water heater to your faucets or showers. You will waste less energy and wait less time for hot water.

2. **Insulation:**
   Insulation slows down heat flow to keep your home warm in the winter therefore reducing energy waste and lowering utility bills.

3. **License Contractor:**
   It is important to hire a contractor with a Town of Delmar business license because this ensures the contractor maintains a state business license.
   A licensed contractor ensures proper insulation, compliance with local building codes and protection against financial or legal liability.

Knowing your property's Planning and Zoning District is essential to understanding which uses are permitted and ensuring your proposed improvements or developments comply with local regulations.

As our Town continues to experience new opportunities and improvements, please remember growth is a continuous change. With that growth comes the responsibility to ensure that our homes are safe.

We encourage citizens to join us at our monthly Mayor and Council and Mayor and Commissioners meetings to voice their concerns.

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A Message from the Desk of Code Enforcement Officer, Kayla Trice:

Special Tips from the Code Enforcement Officer

Permits









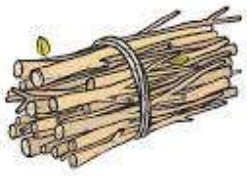


The Town of Delmar has a permit process for the above examples as well as more. Any resident that wishes to complete any additions, alterations and repairs to their home please give our Code Enforcement Officer a call at 410-896-2777 or 302-846-2664 x 104 to inquire what permit process you need to follow. Also, feel free to visit our website, www.townofdelmar.us, to view more valuable information.

Yard Waste

The Town of Delmar offers FREE yard waste pick-ups on Wednesdays. Our Public Works will pick up bagged yard debris and bundled limbs that are placed near the curb. Limbs must not exceed 4' in the length and no greater than 2" in diameter. To be sure you're on the schedule, contact Town Hall at 302-846-2664 or 410-896-2777.

Having accumulated debris in your yard is an enforcable violation by Code Enforcement. The Code Enforcement Officer will inform property owners by mail that are in violation of the Tree and Shrub Ordinance, and property owners are required to dispose of the mentioned yard debri within 10 days of the notification. If the property owner fails to comply, the Town will remove the debris from the property at the expense of the property owner





Sidewalks

With the winter months approaching, a quick reminder about snow and ice removal: per **Ordinance 17/531**, property owners are responsible for clearing the sidewalks surrounding their property within **12 hours** after frozen precipitation stops falling. Keeping sidewalks clear ensures the safety of our residents, students, and postal workers.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our neighborhood safe and accessible for everyone!





Rubbish

Need to get rid of large items, old furniture, or extra boxes that do not fit in your trash can? The Town of Delmar offers bulk trash collection for a small fee.

How it works:



1. Call Town Hall at **(302) 846-2664** (Delaware) or **(410) 896-2777** (Maryland) to request a quote for your items.
2. Pay the required fee at Town Hall or over the phone.
3. Once paid, our Public Works Department will pick up your items on the following Wednesday. All items included in the bulk pickup will need to be placed by the curb.

Is Your Number Up?



For a moment, imagine the unimaginable. Someone you love, someone in your home, needs an ambulance, and fast! You call 911 with your cry for help and then you wait, watching the seconds turn into minutes. You know every moment is costly. While you wait and worry, the rescue team drives up and down your street, passing your home several times. They cannot determine which home is yours because none of the homes have numbers on them. Now imagine how fast help can reach you when your house number is displayed in a position easily observable and readable from the public right-of-way. **Numbers on your home, three inches high and ½ inch stroke, could save the life of you or someone you love.** The small effort required to put the numbers on your home could save precious minutes for the rescue team should an emergency arise. Help protect yourself and those you love. Be sure that your house number is located in a position on your home that is easily seen from the street.

Unregistered Vehicles

Under **Ordinance 140/699**, all vehicles parked on private property must be fully registered and operational. The presence of an unregistered, untagged, or inoperative vehicle is considered a public nuisance.



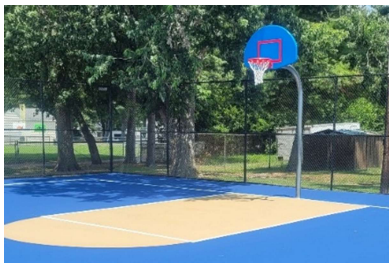
To ensure compliance, please ensure that any such vehicles are either **removed from the property or properly covered**. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe and clean.

Portable Basketball Hoops

To ensure the safety of adults, teens and small children that reside in our Town, we have enacted Ordinance No. 18(DE)/614(MD) that prohibits playing on all public streets and/or obstructing sidewalks. In order not to encourage playing on the public streets, we are asking your participation in not placing the portable basketball hoops on public streets, the edge of your driveway, the sidewalks or edge of your lawn. If you do opt to purchase a portable basketball hoop, please place it on your property in a location that will prohibit playing on the public street or hindering free passage of vehicular traffic and/or pedestrians' use of the sidewalks. Playing on the public streets is an enforceable violation with a fine, by the Delmar Police Department.



The Town of Delmar has several park locations available for open play. As well as, a recently refurbished basketball courts located at Gordy Park; corner of South Pennsylvania Avenue and Walnut Street. Thank you for working with the Town to ensure the safety of all our residents. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Office.



A Message from the Desk of Wastewater Treatment Plant Director, Frank Daniels:

We are happy to report that we met the criteria and received an operation and maintenance grant in October 2026. The criteria are based on the previous years plant effluent nitrogen and phosphorus discharge to Wood Creek, which empties eventually to the Chesapeake Bay, through the Wicomico River water shed.

Our total annual average nitrogen effluent discharge was 2.20 mg/l and the Phosphorus was 0.02 mg/l. The criteria for this Grant say we have to have an annual average total nitrogen of under 3.0 mg/l and an annual average Total Phosphorus of 0.3 mg/l.

We also are happy to report that our capacity management report, that is submitted to MDE yearly has shown a decrease in our 3-year average flow the past 3 years. In 2023 we averaged 0.536 mgd for the year. In 2024 we averaged 0.687 mgd for the year. In 2025 we averaged 0.565 mgd for the year. This 3-year average was 0.597 mgd and put us under the 80% threshold that MDE requires of our plants 0.850 mgd design treatment flow.

A Message from the Desk of Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Ron Bailey

The Town of Delmar is currently undergoing some upgrades for FY'2026-2027.

The upgrades include:

- Install new VFD for 2 new wet well booster pumps.
- Install new Soft Start for well 2A.
- Repair fence around the perimeter of WTP.
- Did some landscaping improvements in front of WTP and around the WTP office.
- Will be getting the York Street water tower cleaned.
- Had the exterior of the WTP cleaned and chemical treated.
- Having the control room of the WTP reserviced.
- Painting of 75 fire hydrants per year until completion.

A Message from the Desk of the Police Department, Chief Ivan Barkley:

Parking in a fire lane is illegal everywhere in the U.S., and violations typically result in fines ranging from $50 to $500, plus possible towing at the owner's expense. Fire lanes must remain clear for emergency vehicles, and enforcement is strict because blocked access can delay fire or medical response.

In Delaware, fire lanes in parking lots are legally protected access routes for emergency vehicles, and blocking them is a civil offense punishable by fines and possible towing.

If you see the painted yellow curb and the sign that says**:**



It doesn't mean it's okay to park there for a minute.

It doesn't mean it's legal if you turn on your flashers.

It's not okay if you leave the car running. Even if someone is inside.

It means NO PARKING!!!

PUBLIC SAFETY BULLETIN

Thefts from Vehicles

Protect your vehicle and your belongings. Thefts from vehicles are often crimes of opportunity. Taking a few simple precautions can reduce your risk.

Help Prevent Vehicle Break-Ins

- Remove valuables, firearms, electronics, bags, keys, and important documents.
- Lock all doors and close every window, even during short stops.
- Never leave your vehicle running or leave keys inside.
- Park in a well-lit, visible area whenever possible.
- Avoid leaving charging cables or mounts visible; they may suggest valuables are inside.
- Activate alarms and anti-theft devices.
- Record serial numbers and photograph valuable property.

If You See Suspicious Activity

Do not confront anyone. From a safe location, note the person's description, direction of travel, vehicle description, and license plate if visible.

REPORTING

Emergency or crime in progress: Call (410) 896-3131. **After-the-fact report:** Contact your local law enforcement agency through its published non-emergency number. Do not touch disturbed items until officers advise you.

If Your Vehicle Was Entered

- Move to a safe location and report the incident promptly.
- Do not enter or clean the vehicle if evidence may remain.
- Prepare a list of missing property, serial numbers, and approximate values.
- Notify your bank immediately if cards, checks, or financial information were taken.
- Preserve surveillance video and provide it to the investigating agency.

Remember: If your car is locked the criminal will usually move on to the easy target.

So, Lock it. Remove it. Report it.

Dear Residents of the Towns of Delmar-

I am writing to update you on a number of projects and activities that have happened over the past few months and a few things that are planned.

We have seen the summer of 2026 pass us by. We are now prepping for winter weather that is just a few weeks away. Our preparations include making sure all salt spreaders are operational, and this year we will be using a new brining system to pretreat our streets prior to a snow event.

We completed another successful farmers' market season and we are looking forward to next year and the 2027 farmers' market. There was great attendance at Heritage Day this year. I want to thank our vendors, citizens and visitors that made this event a success.

This year the town purchased the property adjacent to town hall and had the home demolished. Our plan is to improve the vacant lot and grow our parking not only for town hall but also for the businesses on North Pennsylvania Ave.

Over the next few months there will be a couple commercial business projects that will get underway. The largest project will be a new business park on the north end of town off of Rt 13.

There has been an ongoing project in the town doing repairs on our wastewater piping on the Delaware side. Starting in the next few weeks there will be a contractor in town on the MD side going to a number of residents in the older sections of town. This contractor's purpose is to do a test on the water pipe that supplies water to the home. This test is to determine what type of pipe is currently in place. We are mandated to identify these supply lines and determine if the existing pipe is cooper, lead or galvanized. During this process no one will enter your home as all testing will be done at the meter pit. This contractor will have all employees well identified and they will have identification associating them to the contractor-ElectroScan.

This past summer we had a number of trees in State Street Park that were cleared of all dead limbs and we removed one large tree as it was decaying. In addition, there will be a number of trees on the DE side that will be removed in some citizens yards as these trees are either dead or decaying. All the tree work is being paid for through a grant received on the DE side.

Over the past few months, we have seen a significant transformation at the Mason-Dixon complex and work continues going into 2027 with the parking lot and hopefully a new concession stand.

In the next few weeks, we are scheduled to redo a few streets on the DE west side. These streets include Bynum Lane, and North Memorial. In addition, we will be paving Ellis Parkway and Jewell from Pennsylvania Ave to Bi-State.

I would also like to highlight a project that has been underway for about 2 years. The Delmar Arts and Historic Society has been working in conjunction with the town to transform the building across from the post office into a museum. I encourage everyone to drive by and take a look at this totally refurbished building. The inside looks as good as the outside. The Historic Society has hopes of having the building open in the near future. Currently folks are working on cataloging items that will be on display.

I wish to share that I am very thankful for all our residents and our town employees. Our purpose is to assist our residents in any way we are able.

I encourage our residents to attend our public business meetings and I remain to being available to any resident at any time. It is a true pleasure and honor to serve as your town manager.

Sincerely,

Jeff Fleetwood

Heritage Day 2026

THANK YOU DELMAR!



Thank you to everyone who came out to Heritage Day 2026 and helped make the day so special! It was wonderful to see neighbors, families, and friends come together to enjoy the festivities and celebrate our community.



A special thank you to all of our vendors, food vendors, community organizations, and everyone who helped make the event possible. Your participation and support are what make Heritage Day such a special Delmar tradition.



SAVE THE DATE!

HERITAGE DAY 2027
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2027

WE'LL SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

