

# Town of Delmar

## Summer 2021

### Newsletter

Cpl. Keith Heacock Will Be Profoundly  
Missed By All Who  
Love And Knew Him.











**TOWN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES REOPENING** - Beginning June 1, 2021  
Town Hall resume regular hours of operation pre-covid. Offices will be open Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Due to the safety of our residents and Town personnel, we still require masks to be worn upon entering the building and only four visitors are allowed at a time. Also, for an extended time, the drive thru will remain open as well Monday through Friday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm

**IN PERSON MONTHLY MEETINGS** - The Town will be resuming in-person meetings starting the month of June 2021. In an effort to ensure that we still comply with CDC guidelines, masks and social distancing will be required. The Town will still offer the GoToMeeting teleconference as an additional option for applicants, residents, and interested parties to join and participate in the meeting. Thank you all for your cooperation and patience as we transition back to in person meetings.

## **TOWN OF DELMAR UPCOMING CLOSINGS -**

 <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> <i>FRIDAY, APRIL 02, 2021</i>	
 <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> <i>MONDAY, MAY 31, 2021</i>	
 <b>INDEPENDENCE DAY</b> <i>MONDAY, JULY 05, 2021</i>	
 <b>LABOR DAY</b> <i>MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 06, 2021</i>	

## DELMAR, MARYLAND 2021 ELECTION INFORMATION

The Delmar, Maryland Municipal Primary Election for one (1) Mayor and two (2) Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 28, 2019. Qualified voters may vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 16, 2021.

### Mayor and Commissioners Town of Delmar, Maryland 2021 Primary Election Calendar

Deadline- Candidacy Filing

Monday, September 13, 2021

Deadline- Voters to Register

Thursday, September 23, 2021

Primary Election Date

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday in September.

**Tuesday, September 28, 2021**

### Mayor and Commissioners Town of Delmar, Maryland 2021 General Election Calendar

Date of Election

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday in November

**Tuesday, November 16, 2021**

Starting at 7:00 a.m.

Closing at 7:00 p.m.

Or until last person in line  
at close of doors has voted.

#### Qualifications for Mayor and Commission Member are as follows:

- (a) A resident of the United States and of the State of Maryland and a resident of the Town of Delmar, Maryland for at least two (2) years preceding the municipal elections;
- (b) Be at least 21 years of age
- (c) Each of the qualifications for Town Commissioner and Mayor shall be continuing qualifications to hold office and the failure of any of the Commissioners 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 Monday, September 13, 2021. No person shall file for nomination to more than one (1) elective office at a time. **All candidates filing to be a Delmar Elected Official must comply with the Town's Ethic Ordinance #724, Section 5(Financial Disclosure)**

**To be eligible to vote in this upcoming municipal election**, persons must be at least 18 years of age, and who reside in the Town of Delmar, Maryland, and the State of Maryland for at least **30 days** preceding the day of the election and must be a registered voter. Voter Registration Application can be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Delmar Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Delmar, MD. If voter registration applications are returned via US Postal Service, it must be postmarked no later than 21 days before an election. Voter registration can also be completed on line to: [www.elections.maryland.gov](http://www.elections.maryland.gov) or by visiting the Wicomico Board of Elections at 345 Snow Hill Road Salisbury, Maryland 21804

Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration deadline is Thursday, September 23, 2021 by 4:30 p.m.

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

## Town of Delmar

### Highlights of Fiscal 2022 Budget

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The Town of Delmar budget public hearing was held on Monday, May 24, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via teleconference and in person with limited seating due to the current COVID-19 situation. The teleconference was also open to the public by way of a toll-free number. The budget is a public record in the office of the Town Manager, open to public review by anyone during normal business hours of Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### **BUDGET 2021-2022**

	Operating	Capital	TOTAL
Delmar, Maryland	\$ 2,465,614.00	\$ 190,704.00	\$ 2,656,318.00
Delmar, Delaware	\$ 1,474,492.00	\$ 79,889.00	\$ 1,554,381.00
Delmar Utility Commission*	\$ 2,026,906.00	\$ 1,532,345.00	\$ 3,559,251.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 5,967,012.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,802,938.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,769,950.00</b>

\*The Delmar Utility Commission is a joint venture of the Mayor & Commissioners and Mayor and Council. It is not a component unit of either town and is therefore reported separately. The Utility Commission is referenced in the Town of Delmar Budget Message for disclosure and the details are presented in a separate budget document.

#### **REVENUES:**

The Mayor & Commissioners voted to follow the Constant Yield Tax Rate set by the Maryland Department of Assessments of 0.6622, a reduction from the current tax rate of 0.6795. The Mayor & Council's real property tax rate will remain constant at .62 (per 100 of assessed value). Personal property tax for Delmar, MD will remain the same, at \$2.50 (per 100 of assessed value). Operating tax will remain the same at \$3.00 for Delmar, MD and Delmar, DE (per 100 of assessed value).

#### **Tax Rates 2021-2022**

	Real Property	Operating Property	Personal Property
Delmar, Maryland	.6622	3.00	2.50

- Garbage collection fees remain constant at \$215.00 per EDU for both Delmar Maryland and Delaware residents. Republic Services will continue to provide garbage and recycling services to the Delmar, DE residents and garbage service to the Delmar, MD residents. The fees will continue to be collected by the Town on the annual tax bill.
- The connection fees for water & sewer will remain the same in FY 22. The water service charge for residential will remain the same as FY 21 at \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. The sewer service charge for residential will also remain the same as FY 21 at \$5.50 per 1,000 gallons. The quarterly availability fee will remain the same at \$17.45 and the quarterly front footage fee of \$35.00 will also remain the same.
- An average water and sewer customer with quarterly usage of 15,000 gallons can expect a quarterly bill of \$209.95.

#### EXPENDITURES:

- The Joint Council is currently allocating cost shares based upon the 2010 census population data which determined the split should be 60/40 in the Police, Executive and Finance Department's expenses. Also, it was agreed beginning FY 12 by the Joint Council to reallocate the cost share based upon actual road mileage between Delmar, Maryland and Delaware. Based upon the data received by State Highway Administrations in Fiscal Year 2011 the split should be 73/27, therefore, all applicable expenses are allocated accordingly unless they are project specific. A written agreement was signed by the Joint Council, which stipulated that the cost allocation of all departments to be reviewed annually during budget preparations.
- A cost-of-living adjustment of 3% was included in this year's budget. Police Dept. salaries are pending arbitration.
- Capital Outlay items for Maryland and Delaware include computer and website upgrades for the Police Dept., several paving projects throughout MD & DE, as well as curb/gutter repairs in MD, the purchase of a 72" Bad Boy mower for Public Works, and new Christmas lights for State Street Park. Replacement of playground equipment at the West Tot Lot has also been budgeted for contingent upon grant funds.
- Capital Outlay projects for the Delmar Utility Commission include purchasing of operating equipment and departmental building improvements for both the WTP and WWTP facilities. A new 8' X 12' storage shed was also approved for the WWTP.

\*A further detailed presentation of the FY 22 budget is available for review on our website at <https://www.townofdelmar.us/departments/finance.htm>

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Please contact Sara Bynum-King at (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664, Extension 105 with any questions pertaining to the FY 2022 budget.





## Special Message from the Desk of Municipal Clerk Layton

**Happy Spring & Summer!** In this newsletter addition we have included the High-Volume User Form and the Senior Citizen Discount Form. Forms need to be completed annually and turned in by deadline stated on the form.

***High Volume User Discount!*** This discount is for residents that use additional water that doesn't enter the sewer lines due to the following reasons; swimming pool, excessive shrubbery and flowers, gardens, sprinkler system or usage. This discount is only given in the Summer billing quarter; June/July/August. Customers meeting guidelines will receive a sewer abatement for the excess usage over normal average consumption.

***Senior Citizen's Discount on Taxes!*** Receive a five percent (5%) discount. Only one of the property owners on record has to be 65 years old. The discount does not include the garbage. It is an annual application process and no discounts are given after September 30<sup>th</sup>. Taxes must be current and paid by the due date.

**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 – you are our #1 priority!!!!**

## 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](mailto:delmartownhall@verizon.net) from the email address that you wish to receive your quarterly bill and provide a brief message that you 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.



email



6W911



## TOWN OF DELMAR-DE/MD Application for Senior Citizen Discount

Owner (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Tax ID: \_\_\_\_\_

(Can be completed by Town Hall Employee)

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### THE APPLICANTS DO HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM:

1. That one of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years by March 1<sup>st</sup> of the year the application is filed.
2. That as of March 1<sup>st</sup> they are the sole owner of the property; they reside on said property 7 out of 12 months of the year; that the property is used exclusively for residential purposes; and that property taxes are current.

**I hereby swear and affirm that this information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and further understand that a false declaration in this application will subject me to the penalties provided by the law for perjury.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**This Form MUST accompany payment to receive discount.**

Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30<sup>th</sup> or after initial payment has been received and processed. The allowed discount **is 5% of the Property Taxes** only. **This does not apply to the garbage fee.**

**If your taxes are paid through escrow by your mortgage company, please complete this form and return it to Town Hall prior to July 1, 2021.**

This request is to allow the discount to be applied prior to sending the bills out to the residents and mortgage companies. Applications will not be sent directly to the mortgage companies. If you have any questions pertaining to this application please call (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664, Extension 107.

## Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

**MARYLAND RESIDENTS** - The Office of Community Development, Delmar, Maryland is taking applications for the Maryland 2022 CDBG grant funding round. CDBG funding is designed to assist low-moderate income resident owner/occupant(s) that reside in the Town of Delmar, MD to bring sub-code conditions to code. The program mission is to assure qualified candidates are able to enjoy safe and healthy living conditions in accordance with Town Livability Standards. Eligibility is determined in accordance with the need, income status, and ownership requirements set forth in HUD CDBG program provisions. Candidates who wish to be considered for the 2022 MD CDBG funding round **must submit their application by Wednesday, June 30, 2021.**

A waiting list of previous candidates currently exists. When funds are awarded to this office for Delmar, MD residents, assistance will be provided candidates on the waiting list in the order an application was received.

**DELAWARE RESIDENTS** - The Delmar Office of Community Development is also taking applications for the Delaware SFY 22 CDBG Grant Program for submittal to Sussex County Department of Community Development and Housing (DCDH). DCDH will make an award announce by July 2022 should funds be allocated to Sussex County. Interested DE resident occupant/homeowners may inquire and obtain an application at Town Hall or by contacting this office. Candidates who wish to be considered for the 2022 DE CDBG funding round **must submit their application by Monday, December 6, 2021.**

A waiting list of previous candidates currently exists. When funds are awarded to Sussex County DCHD, assistance will be provided candidates on the waiting list in the order application was received.

**Submittal of an application for DE or MD CDBG funding is not an automatic guarantee of award even by an eligible candidate.** Interested candidates should contact William Hardin, Community Development Coordinator at 410-896-2777 ext. 103 or come to Delmar Town Hall to obtain program eligibility information and receive an application.

## 2021 Delmar Heritage Day Celebration

Unfortunately, COVID made it impossible to predict when things would open up, so it was impossible to plan for a 2021 Town of Delmar Heritage Day celebration. The Planning Committee will look to begin plans for a 2022 celebration in January. Stay tuned for updated posts on the Town website and like us on our Town of Delmar Facebook page.





## High Volume User Data Form

**\*FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BY AUGUST 15TH  
SUMMER QUARTER DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL AFTER METER READINGS  
FOR MAR, APR, MAY QUARTER HAVE BEEN DONE.**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for high usage: (Check off any that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Swimming Pool

\_\_\_\_\_ Excessive Shrubbery & Flowers

\_\_\_\_\_ Garden(s)

\_\_\_\_\_ Boat Maintenance

\_\_\_\_\_ Sprinkler System

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (please specify below)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

S/O/N \_\_\_\_\_

D/J/F \_\_\_\_\_

M/A/M \_\_\_\_\_

*This form must be completed each year. Customers meeting guidelines will receive a sewer abatement for the excess usage over normal average consumption. Customers that feel they are a high volume user, but do not qualify within the guidelines, must present their request before the Utility Commission. This policy will be in effect during the summer months of June, July, and August. High Volume Users will only receive a reduction of the sewer charge, not the water fee.*

*Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2020*  
*Delmar Utility*  
*Commission 100 South*  
*Pennsylvania Avenue*  
*Delmar, Maryland*  
*21875*  
*MD PWS ID#*  
*0220001*  
*PWS ID#*  
*DE0000567*  
*April 28, 2021*



*We are pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality of the water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is **ground water. We have two wells that draw from the Manokin Aquifer.***

*The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in conjunction with the Division of Public Health has conducted source water assessments for nearly all community water systems in Delaware. Contact the Delmar Town Hall at 410-896-2777 or 302-846-2664 regarding how to obtain a copy of this assessment or go to <http://delawaresourcewater.org/assessments/> . Overall, the drinking water supply system exceeds drinking water standards for metals; has a high susceptibility to petroleum hydrocarbons; a moderate susceptibility to nutrients; and a low susceptibility to other inorganic substances, other organic substances, pathogens, PCBs, and pesticides.*

*If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact the **Town Manager Sara Bynum-King, at 410-896-2777 or 302-846-2664 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.** We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held **the first Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Delmar Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Delmar, Maryland.***

*Public Health, Office of Drinking Water and Delmar Utility Commission routinely monitor for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup> 2020.*

*In this table, you will find many terms and abbreviations with which you might not be familiar. To help you better understand these terms, we have provided the following definitions:*

*Non-Detects (ND) - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.*

*Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.*

*Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.*

*Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.*

*Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The “Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.*

*Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL) –The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.*

*Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG) –The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.*

TEST RESULTS						
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Disinfectants &amp; Disinfection By-Products</b>						
Chlorine as (Cl <sub>2</sub> ) Delaware Maryland	N	0.97-1.14 0.8 – 0.9	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA) Delaware Maryland	N	0 1	ppb	n/a	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM Total trihalomethanes] Delaware Maryland	N	13.99 7	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Barium Delaware Maryland	N	0.15813 *(2019) 0	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium Delaware Maryland	N	0 1	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride Delaware Maryland	N	0.44 – 1.01 0.4	ppm	0.8-1.2	2.0	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) Delaware Maryland	N	3 – 3.5 2.9	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
<b>Volatile Organic Contaminants</b>						
Xylenes Delaware	N	0 - 0.00063	ppm	10	10	Discharge from petroleum factories; discharge from chemical factories
<b>Secondary Contaminants</b>						
CONTAMINANT	Level Detected	Average	Unit Measurement	MCLG		

Sodium (Na) Delaware	17.11		ppm	n/a
Alkalinity (Alk) Delaware	20.1		ppm	n/a
pH Delaware	*(2018) 7.46		ppm	6.5 – 8.5
Chloride (Cl) Delaware	12.9-14.7	13.57	ppm	
Sulfate Delaware	5.5 -10.7	9.55	ppm	

*\*The state allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, are more than one year old.*

***All other contaminants were ND in compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act.***

*Lead-If present, elevated lead levels can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Delmar Utility Commission is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at [www.epa.gov/safewater/lead](http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead).*

*As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water is drinkable at these levels.*

*MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated constituents, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.*

*The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations established limits for contaminants in bottled water, which must provide the same protection for public health.*

- 1) Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operation, and wildlife.
- 2) Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals can be naturally [occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharge, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.

- 3) Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources, such as agricultural, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- 4) Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- 5) Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

*Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.*

*Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.*

*Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426- 4791).*

*Please call our Public Works office at (302) 846-3696 if you have questions.*