

Town of Delmar Summer 2022 Newsletter



Message from the desk of the Supervisor of Finance, Heather Chandler:



Town of Delmar

Highlights of Fiscal 2023 Budget

The Town of Delmar budget public hearing was held on Monday, May 23, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. via teleconference and in person. The teleconference was 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 2022-2023

	Operating	Capital	TOTAL
Delmar, Maryland	\$ 2,659,847.00	\$ 1,422,588.00	\$ 4,082,435.00
Delmar, Delaware	\$ 1,657,077.00	\$ 239,187.00	\$ 1,896,264.00
Delmar Utility Commission*	\$ 2,675,692.00	\$ 2,294,955.00	\$ 4,970,647.00
TOTAL	\$ 6,992,616.00	\$ 3,956,730.00	\$10,949,346.00

*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 increase the tax rate beyond the Constant Yield Tax Rate set by the Maryland Department of Assessments of 0.6440. The new tax rate for FY 23 will be 0.69. The Mayor & Council's real property tax rate will increase by .04 (per 100 of assessed value) from 0.62 to 0.66. 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 2022-2023

	Real Property	Operating Property	Personal Property
Delmar, Maryland	.69	3.00	2.50
Delmar, Delaware	.66	3.00	

- 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.
- Rental license fees will increase for both Maryland and Delaware from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per unit.
- Administrative fees for Maryland will increase from \$10.00 to \$50.00. Delaware will remain the same at \$10.00.
- The connection fees for water & sewer will remain the same in FY 23. The water service charge for residential will remain the same as FY 22 at \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. The sewer service charge for residential will also remain the same as FY 22 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 FY12 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 determined by a step and grade that was part of a 3-year contract effective 07/01/2021.
- Capital outlay requests for Maryland, Delaware, and Utility include several items. A detailed listing is available for review within the FY 23 Budget Presentation which is available upon request. A digital copy will be uploaded to the Town website at www.townofdelmar.us prior to July 1, 2022.

Please contact Town Hall at (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664 with any questions pertaining to the FY 2023 budget.

A message from Mayor Michael Houlihan:

Our Town Manager Sara Bynum-King has announced she is retiring on June 30, 2022. She has proudly served the Town for over 38 years. She is a hometown girl born and raised in Delmar. She graduated from Delmar High School and then went on to Delaware State University. After that, life took her to the US Army where she was a medic. She then returned to her hometown, and someone told her to apply for a job at Town Hall. She did and started as an entry level clerk and then through time became the grants administrator. She then moved up as the assistant Town Manager and shortly thereafter she became the Town Manager and has held that position for the last twenty years. She worked through so many projects between both states and oversaw all departments and employees and of course she had to work with ten bosses. She brought professionalism, integrity and the know how to balance it all. We can't thank her enough for what she has done, and she will be truly missed.

On behalf of the Elected Officials, Town staff, and residents we wish her so much happiness in the next chapter of her life. She is Delmar and forever will be. We had a polished gem and an outstanding and incredible woman that will never be forgotten. We are so blessed and proud to have had her.



A Thank You Note from Town Manager, Sara Bynum-King:

I express my gratitude and thanks to the Town of Delmar family as I am approaching my retirement date on June 30, 2022. For the last 38 years the Town of Delmar has been my extended family however after much thought and prayer I realized it is time to move on to my next chapter in life. I am excited about some of the amazing things headed my way, mainly my husband and I are anxiously waiting to welcome our first grandchild. I have heard nothing can compare with grandchildren.

It is important for me to acknowledge and thank everyone that played a pivotal role during my tenure as the Town Manager. I am grateful and blessed for every act of kindness, encouraging words, support and most definitely the prayers that lifted me in good times as well as the difficult

times. I'm humbled and honored to have had the opportunity to serve in the capacity of Town Manager for the last twenty years of my thirty-eight years as a Town of Delmar employee. The success of my years of service is a combination of great leadership by the Town Officials, outstanding support by key Town personnel as well as departmental support. I also extend my gratitude to the Town Attorneys, Town Engineers, agencies from both Delaware and Maryland (including local, County and State agencies) for all the technical support and guidance with various projects. A special thanks to the residents, my colleagues in Delaware and Maryland, the various entities, civic organizations, businesses, schools, Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department, Library and churches that have always supported the Town. I would be remiss if I didn't thank my loving family for their endless support.

I wish the very best for the Town Officials and my Successor as they continue to navigate together the future of the Town of Delmar.

**Mayor & Council
Town of Delmar, Delaware
2022 Election Calendar**

<u>Newspaper Notice-Candidacy & Voter Registration</u>	Monday, August 15, 2022
<u>Deadline-Candidate Filing</u>	Monday, September 19, 2022 4:30 p.m.
<u>Deadline-Voters to Register</u>	Monday, September 19, 2022 4:30 p.m.
<u>Deadline-Absentee Ballot Applications</u>	Monday, September, 26, 2022 4:30 p.m.
<u>Newspaper Notice-Candidates</u>	Monday, September, 26, 2022
<u>ELECTION DATE</u>	Monday, October 3, 2022 starting at 7:00 a.m. closing at 7:00 p.m. or until last person in line at close of doors has voted.
<u>Absentee & Emergency Ballots</u>	Monday, October 3, 2022 7:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, please contact Delmar Town Hall at (302) 846-2664.



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.



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 the stated deadline 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 30th. Taxes must be current and paid by the due date.

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. Consequently, no interest or late fees are being accrued. Just review your last few billings 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 go online to our website and review your billing history. You can submit payment through your bank account or through our website at your leisure, drop it off in our drive-up drop box, or come in and visit us during our open hours. Our website address is townofdelmar.us. **If you ever have any questions or concerns pertaining to your bills, please contact me as soon as possible to discuss them.**

Garbage Collection Tidbits! Just a reminder to our residents; garbage collection for the Town of Delmar is outsourced. **Republic Service** collects garbage for **Delmar, Delaware** on **Tuesday** and **Delmar, Maryland** on **Thursday**. **Republic Service** is responsible for the removal of a reasonable accumulation of household garbage. For **removal of yard waste, contact Public Works** at 302-846-3696.

Garbage is to be placed at curbside the evening prior to collection no earlier than sunset. It is very important that the garbage is placed visibly at the curb outside of any structures, such as fences, that may impair visibility or could lead to an injury during collection. **Residents should have no more than four (35) gallon cans per household weighing no more than 50 pounds when filled.** Between the days of collection, containers, including any structure designed to store them, shall be 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.

Garbage missed on pickup day? Call Town Hall and we will handle the situation on your behalf.





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)

THE APPLICANTS DO HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM:

1. That one of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years by March 1st of the year the application is filed.
2. That as of March 1st 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 30th 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, 2022.

A Message from the desk of the Water Treatment Plant Superintendent, Sophia Oberton:

State Street Park Beautification Project with Girl Scout Troop #1331

The Town of Delmar would like to thank and applaud Girl Scout Troop #1331 for completing this special project. As well, a special thank you to the elected officials and staff members involved to ensure this project was successful.





Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2021
Delmar Utility Commission
100 South Pennsylvania Avenue
Delmar, Maryland 21875
MD PWS ID#0220001
WS ID# DE0000567
May 11, 2022

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.

The Maryland Department of the Environment's Water Supply Program completed a Source Water Assessment for the Town of Delmar. A copy of that assessment can be reviewed at City Hall. For more information call 1-800-633-6101.

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/Water/water_supply/Source_Water_Assessment_Program/Pages/by_county.aspx

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 1st to December 31st **2021.**

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
Disinfectants & Disinfection By-Products						
Chlorine as (Cl ₂) Delaware Maryland (2021)	N	0.93-1.64 0.8 – 1.2	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA) Delaware Maryland (2021)	N	0 1	ppb	n/a	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM Total trihalomethanes Delaware Maryland (2021)	N	0-11.17 5	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Inorganic Contaminants						
Barium Delaware	N	0.15813 *(2019)	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
Chromium Delaware Maryland (2020)	N	0 1	ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride Delaware Maryland (2020)	N	0.36 – 0.95 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 (2021)	N	2.9 – 3.4 3.0	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Volatile Organic Contaminants						
Radioactive Contaminants						
Combined Radium 226/228 (2021) Maryland	N	0.5	pCi/L	0	5	Erosion of natural deposits
Regulated Contaminants Lead and Copper						
Copper (Distribution) (2021)	N	0.06	ppm	1.3	1.3	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems
Lead (Distribution) (2021)	N	1.2	ppb	0	15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Secondary Contaminants				
CONTAMINANT	Level Detected	Average	Unit Measurement	MCLG
Sodium (Na)			ppm	n/a
Delaware	17.76			
Alkalinity (Alk)			ppm	n/a
Delaware	15.3			
pH			ppm	6.5 – 8.5
Delaware	*(2018) 7.46			
Chloride (Cl)			ppm	250
Delaware	13.4-14.5	13.81		
Sulfate			ppm	250
Delaware	8.8 -11.1	9.63		

*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.

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 office if you have questions.

Message from the desk of the Code Enforcement Officer, Liz Peek:

Special Tips from the Code Enforcement Officer



Replacing a Roof



Pools

General Home Improvements



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.

Business Licenses

The Town of Delmar requires that all businesses operating within town limits, or located within Town Limits must obtain an annual business license. All Town business licenses are effective from February 1st thru January 31st and expire on January 31st. Applications may be obtained at the Town Hall and must be submitted with the annual application fee. The schedule of fees is as follows:

<i>In Town limits = \$ 50.00</i>	<i>Outside Town limits = \$ 75.00</i>
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Grass and Weeds



The Town of Delmar requires property owners to maintain their sidewalks free of grass and weeds and to maintain the height of their grass below 6 inches in height. The Code Enforcement Officer will inform property owners by mail that are in violation of the Grass and Weeds

Ordinance and property owners are required to remove weeds or cut the grass within ten days of notification. If the property owner fails to comply, the Town will remove the grass from the sidewalk or cut the grass at the expense of the property owner.

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 across, 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.

Portable Basketball Hoops

To ensure the safety of adults, teens and small children that reside in our Town, we have enacted legislation 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. If a portable basketball hoop is identified on any of the prohibited areas aforementioned, the Town's Code Enforcement will tag it with an allotted timeframe to have it removed. If not removed within the timeframe by the property owner, the Town's Public Works Department will remove and discard.

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. ♦

