

Town of Delmar Highlights of Fiscal 2021 Budget

The Town of Delmar budget public hearing was held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via teleconference due to the current COVID-19 situation. 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 2020-2021

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	Operating	Capital	TOTAL
Delmar, Maryland	\$ 2,254,963.00	\$ 251,375.00	\$ 2,506,338.00
Delmar, Delaware	\$ 1,457,305.00	\$ 104,096.00	\$ 1,561,401.00
Delmar Utility Commission*	\$ 1,998,554.00	\$ 1,688,831.00	\$ 3,687,385.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,710,822.00	\$ 2,044,302.00	\$ 7,755,124.00

^{*}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 follow the Constant Yield Tax Rate set by the Maryland Department of Assessments of 0.6795, a reduction from the current tax rate of 0.7021. 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 2020-2021

	Real Property	Operating Property	Personal Property	
Delmar, Maryland	.6795	3.00	2.50	
Delmar, Delaware	.62	3.00		

- Garbage collection fees will increase from \$175.00 to \$215.00 in FY 21 for Delmar, MD and Delmar, DE due to increased operating costs. 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 21. The water service charge for residential will remain the same as FY 20 at \$4.00 per 1,000 gallons. The sewer service charge for residential will also remain the same as FY 20 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. As well, a new Step & Grade Scale will be implemented for the Police Dept.
- In FY 21 the capital outlay projects will include renovations to the lobby at Town Hall as well as renovations to the caboose on Pennsylvania Ave. Approved items for Public Works include a Salt Spreader, a John Deere Utility Tractor/Mower, and a new Bad Boy Riding Mower. The Police Dept. will be receiving new server and software upgrades. Several paving projects throughout Maryland and Delaware have been budgeted for as well as various sidewalk repairs town wide. 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 for both the WTP and WWTP facilities. A new truck has been approved for purchase for use at WWTP.

*A further detailed presentation of the FY 21 budget is available for review on our website at https://www.townofdelmar.us/departments/finance.htm

Please contact Sara Bynum-King at (410) 896-2777 or (302) 846-2664, Extension 105 with any questions pertaining to the FY 2021 budget.

DELMAR DELAWARE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

The Delmar, Delaware Municipal Primary Election for one (1) Mayor and two (2) Council Members will be held on Monday, October 5, 2020. Qualified voters may vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Mayor and Council

Town of Delmar, Delaware 2020 Election Calendar

Deadline- Candidacy Filing

4:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020 by

Deadline- Voters to Register

Friday, Sept. 11, 2020 by 4:30 p.m.

Election Date

Monday, October 5, 2020

1st Monday in October

starting at 7:00 a.m.
Closing at 7:00 p.m. or until the line at close

last person in of doors has voted.

Qualifications for Mayor and Council Member are as follows:

(a) A resident of the United States and of the State of Delaware and a resident of the Town of Delmar, Delaware for at least one (1) year preceding the municipal elections;

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- (b) Be at least 18 years of age
- (c) Each of the qualifications for Town Council and Mayor shall be continuing qualifications to hold office and the failure of any of the Council Members or the Mayor to have any of the qualifications required by the above during the terms of his/her office will create a vacancy in the office.

Certificates of Candidacy must be completed at the Town Hall no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 10, 2020 by 4:30 p.m. No person shall file for nomination to more than one (1) elective office at a time.

To be eligible to vote in this upcoming municipal election, persons must be at least 18 years of age, and has resided in the Town of Delmar, Delaware and the State of Delaware for at least six (6) months preceding the day of the election and must register at Town Hall. Registration is from Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Delmar, MD. Registration deadline is Friday, Sept. 11, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. Please contact Town Hall with any questions at (302)846-2664 or (410)896-2777, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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

Owner (s):	
Property Address:	
Telephone Number:	
Tax ID:	
(Can be completed by Town Hall Emplo	yee)
THE APPLICANTS DO HEREBY SWEAR O	PR AFFIRM:
 That one of the property owners application is filed. 	s has attained the age of 65 years by March 1st of the year the
•	e sole owner of the property; they reside on said property 7 out he property is used exclusively for residential purposes; and that
I hereby swear and affirm that this info	ormation is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and
belief, and further understand that a fapenalties provided by the law for perju	alse declaration in this application will subject me to the ury.
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. 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.

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, 2020.

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2019
Delmar Utility Commission
100 South Pennsylvania Avenue
Delmar, Maryland 21875
MD PWS ID# 0220001
PWS ID# DE0000567
April 29, 2020



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 1st to December 31st 2019.

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.

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

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

<u>Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)</u> - 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.

<u>Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)</u> - 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.

<u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)</u> –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.

<u>Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)</u> –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.

		Ti	EST RESUL	TS		
Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG or MRDLG	MCL or MRDL	Likely Source of Contamination
Disinfectants &	Disinfe	ction By-Pro	oducts			
Chlorine as (Cl2) Delaware Maryland	N	1 0.8 – 0.9	ppm	4	4	Water additive used to control microbes
Haloacetic Acids (HAA) Delaware Maryland	N	2.934 1.3	ppb	n/a	60	By-product of drinking water disinfection
TTHM Total trihalomethanes] Delaware Maryland	N	18 8.5	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
Inorganic Cont	aminant	S				
Barium Delaware	N	0.15813	ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride Delaware Maryland	N	0.2179–0.7398 0.01*(2017)	ppm	0.8-1.2	2.0	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factorie
Nitrate (as Nitrogen) Delaware Maryland	N	2.6865-3.125 2.76-2.9	ppm	10	10	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
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Secondary Contaminant			***	Lucic	ı	
CONTAMINANT	Level Detected	Average	Unit Measurement	MCLG		
Sodium (Na) Delaware	15.45		ppm	n/a		
Alkalinity (Alk) Delaware	17.4		ppm	n/a		
pH Delaware	*(2018) 7.46		ppm	6.5 – 8.5		
Chloride (Cl) Delaware	12.502- 14.3414	13.20	ppm			
Sulfate Delaware	3.4004- 10.5004	8.47	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.

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 contaminants 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 contaminants, 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 insure 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	r office if you have questions.
	HIGH VOLUME USER DATA FORM
** APPL	ICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED
IN BY A	UGUST 15TH **
Date:	
Name:	
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)

This form must be completed each year.

Customers meeting guidelines will receive 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.

A NOTE FROM THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

The Director of Public Works would like everyone to know that his department appreciates, as does the whole Town, everyone's efforts in the upkeep and beautification of your yards and lawns. Yard debris, such as grass clippings, leaves, branches cut into small sections, dead shrubbery will be picked up at NO CHARGE. Please bag all your yard debris and call PUBLIC WORKS at 302-846-**3696 or 302-846-3909** to inform the Staff that you have lawn debris ready for pick-up. You will be instructed to place it where you place your weekly garbage for pick-up. Depending on the time of day the call is made and the schedule of the Staff at Public Works, your yard debris will either be picked up that same day or the following business day. Again, thank you for keeping your yards and lawns beautiful.

Community Safety Alert

Pool season is here. Please be reminded that Delmar Code Enforcement will be conducting a townwide canvass to assure all erected pools, above-ground and in-ground with 24" or more of water at any point must either be fenced with a self-locking gate or have a retractable locking ladder to prevent unauthorized/unsupervised access. All such pools within Delmar Town limits are required to have a permit issued by Delmar Code Enforcement prior to their construction or installation. Pools found to be out of compliance will be given a notice to comply. Failure or refusal to comply could result in issuance of a municipal citation and fines.

Drowning is a leading cause of child/youth deaths. Let us come together as a community and help prevent drowning deaths in Delmar by observing the law.

Portable basketball hoops are another safety concern for our neighborhoods. Portable hoops are prohibited in the street for a reason. The reason is not to deprive our children and youth of a recreational outlet but rather to keep them safe. Let it not take an accident resulting in a major injury or death to motivate us to comply. Help keep our streets safe for all motorists and pedestrians alike.

Community Revitalization Projects

DELMAR, **MARYLAND** SAFE ROUTES SCHOOL **PROJECT** TO STATUS UPDATE. The project to construct 2200 linear ft. of ADA compliant sidewalk, curb and guttering on the eastside of S. Second St. from E. State St. to Delmar Elementary School has been completed. Please instruct and encourage our youth to use the sidewalk and not walk in the street wherever possible. Let's evervone promote a healthy and safe life style. Stay safe and be well.

The West Delmar Tot Lot is closed doing completion of its renovation project. Go to the Town Facebook page, website or contact Delmar Public Works (302) 846-3696 for a status update.

Community Development Block Grants

The Office of Community Development, Delmar, Maryland is currently accepting applications for SFY 2022 to assist eligible low-moderate income, Delmar, MD resident occupant/homeowners repair sub-code living conditions. Interested candidates should contact William Hardin, Community Development Coordinator at 410-896-2777 ext. 103 or come to Delmar Town Hall drive-thru to obtain program eligibility information and receive an application.

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). Interested DE
resident occupant/homeowners may

inquire and obtain an application at Town Hall or by contacting this office. A waiting list of previous candidates currently exists. When funds become available to Sussex County DCHD, assistance will be provided candidates on the waiting list in the order application was received.

2020 Heritage Day Celebration

Has been officially suspended due to COVID- 19 pandemic. We look forward to resuming the annual celebration in September 2021. Follow us on our Facebook page at Town of Delmar, on the Town website or contact Town Hall after January 1, 2021.

COMMUNITY LOVE LIGHT TREE



A 15-foot Norway Spruce Christmas tree was planted in State Street Park. The tree is the permanent Community Love Light Tree. The tree was planted in honor of Greg & Joy Smith for their years of dedication to the Community of Delmar. (see below)

Several area business people joined together to find a permanent Community Love Light Tree. Rex & Becky Hickman & Pam Fields Price contacted Nanticoke Nursery in Seaford. Nanticoke Nursery found the perfect tree.

The idea of the Community Love Light Tree was presented to St. Stephen's United Methodist Church in 2013 by Joy & Greg Smith. St. Stephen's Church embraced & nurtured this project into a community event. The tree provides the opportunity for people to purchase lights each year to honor or commemorate family & friends. The cost of each Love Light is \$5.00. Love Lights come in multiple colors. Each color is significant. White - In memory of someone who has passed, **Green** - In honor of someone still living, **Red** - Firefighters, **Blue** - Police Officers, **Yellow** - Military, **Pink** - Breast Cancer awareness, - **Lavendar** - Cancer Awareness, & **Orange** - Pets.



Many of our local businesses help sponsor The Community Love Light Tree.

A large banner is created and placed in front of the tree listing the names of those honored & the sponsors. The Love Light Tree lighting ceremony is held each year on the first Sunday after Thanksgiving. (The First Day of Advent) The money that is raised goes to the missions of St Stephen's Church that support our community.

The Eighth Annual Community Love Light Tree dedication ceremony will be held November 29th 2020. Selling of the Love Lights will begin July 1st

2020. For more information you can contact the church office at 302-846-9501 or email ststephensumc19940@gmail.com.

The Census can be completed online, by phone or by mail. Online go to https://my2020census.gov/





Census Maryland 2020 Newsletter

May 15, 2020 ☐ SHARE

Already Taken the Census? Let Us Know

Let us know if you've already taken the Census by clicking the **I've Been Counted** link below. We'll keep you updated to help you:

- Inspire your neighbors, friends, and family on social media to complete the Census
- Find out how Census results will impact your community
- Keep track of national and local response rates

I've Been Counted

The 2020 Census Has NOT Been Suspended

Rumor

The 2020 Census has been suspended or cancelled as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

HERE ARE THE FACTS

Although some of the activities undertaken by the US Census Bureau have been adjusted or delayed, the self response to the 2020 Census continues.

DELMAR PUBLIC LIBRARY

Although the Library's building is closed, there are several fantastic free services you can access from your home, on your phone or from your car. As Library service changes, we will keep you notified via our website, social media and Library electronic message board outside the Library. **FREE WI-FI-**

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in partnership with the <u>Delaware Division of Libraries</u> and Sussex County Department of Libraries, all Sussex County Public Libraries are providing FREE public Wi-Fi hotspots in their parking lots. Wi-Fi hotspot access is available 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. daily. Join the network:

ONLINE CARD REGISTRATION Form available online at

https://lib.de.us/help/librarycard/ When you sign up online you gain access right away to all eMedial Download eBooks, read eMagazines and use online resources for FREE.

ACCESS HOOPLA RESOURCES: Movies, Music, Audiobooks, Books, Graphic Novels, TV Shows. Hoopla is a digital media service offered by Delaware Public Libraries that allows you to borrow movies, music, audiobooks, ebooks, comics and TV shows to enjoy on your computer, tablet or phone-and even your TV. OVERDRIVE/LIBBY. Read newspapers, journals, electronic books and more without

leaving your computer. Additional electronic resources at

https://lib.de.us/more-emedia/ include Tumble Books, Audible and Ebsco ebooks collections for students K-12.

2020 Summer Reading

We are still working out the details, but all programming for Libraries will be presented virtually in 2020. Check out the Virtual Events Calendar for all DE public libraries:

https://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/virtuallibraryevents/.

Contact the Library by calling 302-846-9894 or emailing us at <u>delmar.library@lib.de.us</u>. You can also contact us via our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com?delmarpubliclibrary.org/.

EDWARD JONES

Roger Martinson from Edward Jones invites everyone to their Lunch Club via teleconference. They will be discussing current events, the economy and investing, in a relaxed, informal setting which is a great way to get to know one another. The Lunch Club "meets" on the 1st Tuesdays of the month at 12 NOON, June 2nd, July 7th and August 4th.

All anyone needs is a phone. The teleconference dial-in number is 1-866-528-2256 and the participant code is 3369426.

Town of Delmar Delmar Town Hall 100 S. Pennsylvania Avenue Delmar, MD 21875