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Spring 2020  
March, April, May

## SPRING CLEAN-UP

For many years, the Town has set aside special days to provide its residents a town-wide clean-up day. This clean-up day was established to allow residents the opportunity to get rid of items above and beyond weekly household garbage such as items stored in the attic, garage or storage shed. In an effort to make this process as orderly as possible we have established guidelines if you opt to participate in the clean-up. (SEE BELOW) In addition to collecting items you wish to discard around your house, this may be a good time to network with neighbors to assess the condition of your neighborhood. Individual organizations, such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and Civic Groups may want to work with the Town to beautify our Parks. The Adopt a Street program is still active and it may be an opportunity for the organizations/residents that have adopted a street to encourage the residents that reside on the street to participate in the town wide clean up.

2020 Clean Up dates are as follows:

**Delmar, Delaware** - Wed. & Thurs. April 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>

**Delmar, Maryland** - Tues. & Wed. April 21<sup>st</sup> & April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Collection times will be between the hours of 7:30 a.m. & 3:00 p.m.



**To participate in the Spring Clean Up, we are asking residents or civic organizations to contact Town Hall at 302-846-2664 or 410-896-2777 no later than the week prior to collection and provide the following:**

- 1) Resident's name or the Organization's name
- 2) Your Address or the location along with contact phone number
- 3) Brief description of items to be picked up.

After this information is received the Administrative Office will follow-up with a reminder confirmation phone call that the resident or the organization has been added to the list to participate in the Spring Clean-Up Program. **This special clean-up collection is only available for our current weekly garbage service customers.**

**Items NOT eligible for collection:**

Automobiles	Heavy Machinery
Oil, Gas Cans	Tires
Riding Lawn Mowers	Freezers, Refrigerators
Air Conditioners	Paint
Construction Materials	Sleep Sofas
Large Tree Stumps	Chemicals
Automotive Parts	Any item containing Freon

**Limbs over 3 ft. and not bundled will not be removed. Window Frames will need to have the glass removed before it is picked up. Only one couch per household will be removed and one box spring and one mattress per household will be removed. Any other items deemed excessive by Public Works will NOT be removed.**

**Although there are two days scheduled per State, there will only be one pick up per location. You will NOT receive collection on both days.**

# 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Quarter Auction



To Benefit: **The Delmar Heritage Day Fund**

**Friday, April 3, 2020**

**Delmar V.F.W.  
200 W. State Street  
Delmar, Maryland 21875**

Doors Open at **5:00 p.m.** Auction starts at **6:30 p.m.**  
**Food will be available.**

**What, you ask, is a Quarter Auction?**

Upon arriving, you purchase a numbered paddle: **\$5.00**  
Additional paddles may be purchased for \$3.00 each.

Auction items will be put up for bid at 1, 2, 3 or 4 Quarters. As items are presented, if you want to bid, you place the correct amount in the bowl provided and hold up your paddle. If the auctioneer picks your paddle # from the basket you **WIN** an awesome prize for 25 cents to a Dollar. There will be over 100 items up for grabs.

Items for Bid:  
**PAMPERED CHEF, TUPPERWARE  
SCENTSY, INITIALS INC, COLOR STREET NAILS  
PERFECTLY POSH, THIRTY-ONE GIFTS  
AND MUCH MORE**

So grab a friend, break out your piggy banks (bring rolls of quarters) to support

**THE DELMAR HERITAGE DAY FUND**  
For advance tickets call Town Hall at 410.896.2777 ext. 102

## NOTES FOR OUR 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 set-up is quite simple! **Email us at**



**[delmartownhall@verizon.net](mailto:delmartownhall@verizon.net)** from your 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 attached 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.

### Utility Bill Getting Higher?



#### This Means Your Usage Is Increasing.

In the past few quarters, the Delmar Utility Commission has seen many residents have high utility bills due to leaky toilets. Leaky toilets cause

hundreds to thousands of gallons of water to go to waste. Consequently, the fix to the toilet will cost significantly less than a high utility bill. Below you will see the five most common causes for a leaky toilet.

#### 5 Most Common Causes of a Leaky Toilet

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

We suggest to place a few drops of food coloring in the tank of your toilet and wait a few minutes or up to 30 minutes. If the dyed water in the tank of your toilet shows up in the bowl of your toilet without flushing it, that indicates a flapper seal or flush valve that needs to be replaced. Below is a website to assist you if you wish to tackle this issue. If you haven't stopped your toilet from continually running, consider calling a professional plumber to address the problem before you waste any more time and money.

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

### Reminder

Delinquent utility bills accumulate an **interest of 1%** per month beginning the day after the due date. The due date is listed on all utility bills and is generally one month after the billing date. Other penalties for late payments include a **\$10 Administrative Fee** on the seventh day after the due date.

- Disconnection for non-payment can occur as early as sixteen days after the due date. **A \$40 Disconnection Fee is added as of 8:00 A.M. on the day of the scheduled disconnection.**
- If you are making an on-line payment, please allow 24 hours for payment to be notated on the account.
- If the bill is not satisfied and your services are disconnected- Before water service can be restored the entire amount of the bill **and a \$10 reconnection fee** must be collected during regular business hours (8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.)
- Services can be restored **after hours up to 6:00 p.m. and the reconnection fee is \$30.** Payment must be rendered to Town Hall by 9:00 a.m. the following business morning or the evening of restoration. Payments can be deposited in our drop box located behind Town Hall.

### Some Notes from Public Works



Fire Hydrant Flushing- The Public Works staff will be doing hydrant flushing the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>. We suggest storing water in advance for this period and we apologize for any inconvenience. Low water pressure may occur during the flushing and discoloration may happen afterwards.

Community beautification should be high on our agenda as a local leader or a neighborhood or community organization. Simple projects range from planting some pretty flowers or

shrubs to painting planters, benches, sign posts, or whatever is beginning to look a little tired. Volunteer-led projects such as these are one of the quickest ways to inspire more community spirit, socializing and action. The Town of Delmar Public Works Department has started the beautification of the parks and the downtown area. We will be working with Delmar High School art department in creating a beautiful mural on the State Street Tot Lot fence and the local Cub Scouts will also be doing some beautification as well. Also, we will be working with the Delaware Forest Service and our local Community Development Coordinator to replace the trees in the West Tot Lot on the west side of Town to also make this an enjoyable park to visit by removing the gumball trees and replacing them with a friendlier tree.

A visually appealing community increases property values, attracts businesses and improves the Towns and neighborhoods image. Beauty is one of the three most influential factors in community attachment, which means loyalty to our Town. Some research even shows that a nice-looking neighborhood and parks promote good behavior.



## CENSUS 2020 IMPORTANT DATES

**March 12-20:** Households will begin receiving official Census Bureau mail with detailed information on how to respond to the 2020 Census online, by phone or by mail.

**March 30-April 1:** The Census Bureau will count people who are experiencing homelessness over these three days. As part of this process, the Census Bureau

counts people in shelters, at soup kitchens and mobile food vans, on the streets and at non-sheltered, outdoor locations such as tent encampments.

**April 1:** CENSUS DAY IS OBSERVED NATIONWIDE. By this date, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census. Once the invitation arrives, you should respond for your home in one of three ways: online, by phone or by mail. When you respond to the census, you'll tell the Census Bureau where you live as of April 1, 2020.

**April:** Census takers will begin visiting college students who live on campus, people living in senior centers and others who live among large groups of people. Census takers also begin conducting quality check interviews to help ensure an accurate count.

**May-July:** Census takers will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the 2020 Census to help make sure everyone is counted.

**December:** The Census Bureau will deliver appointment counts to the President and Congress as required by law.

## CENSUS 2020 PARTY WITH A PURPOSE IN DELMAR !!!

**What?** A community celebration to promote participation in the 2020 Census. The Town of Delmar and the Wicomico County Complete Count Committee are holding this event to encourage residents to complete their 2020 Census forms.

**When?** Saturday, March 28, 2020, 12-2 p.m.

**Where?** Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, Bi-State Blvd & Chestnut Streets, Delmar, MD

**Who's invited?** Every Delmar resident; man, woman and child. Tell your

neighbor it's a must attend event.

**Why is Census participation so important?** \*2020 Census data will determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds are distributed. \*The more individuals are counted in our community; the more dollars are allocated. \***Funding for schools, health programs, social services, transportation and infrastructure is decided using Census numbers. \*Each person in Maryland not counted equals \$18,250 dollars lost in funding over 10 years.**

We'll have hot dogs, hamburgers, soft drinks, chips, water, a raffle and more. It'll be a Delmar Community day of fun, fellowship and enlightenment. There will be representatives from the Wicomico County 2020 Census Complete Count Committee to share info and answer questions. Parties will be held in communities throughout the County.

**No one parties like Delmar !!**

Mark your calendar, come and support your community. Follow us on Facebook @Town of Delmar, also at Wicomico County CCC Facebook page and SbyWicomicoCensus for more information or contact Delmar Town Hall, William Hardin, 2020 Complete Count Committee, representative for Delmar.

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### **Community Revitalization Projects**

**DELMAR, MARYLAND SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROJECT STATUS UPDATE:** This project to construct 2200 linear feet of ADA compliant sidewalk, curb and guttering on the eastside of S. Second St. from E. State St. to Delmar Elementary School is scheduled to begin March 9, 2020. Project construction will be performed a section of the street at a time, beginning at E. State St. moving south. Only the section of Second St. under construction at a given time will be blocked and closed to through traffic. Additional information will be made available on

the Towns website or you can contact Delmar Town Hall at 410-896-2777.

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### **Community Development Block Grants**

The Office of Community Development, Delmar, Maryland has limited SFY18 CDBG grant funds available to assist eligible low-moderate income, Delmar, Maryland residents/ occupant/homeowners to repair sub-code living conditions. The current grant will close in June 2020. Eligible projects must be approved and start in a time-frame that allows completion by the stated deadline. 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 before March 31, 2020.

The Delmar Office of Community Development is also taking applications for the Delaware SFY21 CDBG Grant Program for submittal to Sussex County Department of Community Development and Housing (DCDH). DCDH will make an award announcement by July, 2021 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. A waiting list of previous candidates currently exists. When funds are awarded to Sussex County DCHD, assistance will be provided to candidates on the waiting list in order of when the application was received.

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### **2020 Delmar Heritage Day Celebration**

September 19, 2020 is the Town of Delmar's Heritage Day Celebration. The

Planning Committee has begun preparation for the celebration. Planning

will include the best of the 2019 celebration as well as new and exciting programming that reflects community input. Residents are encouraged to share their thoughts and input at [www.townofdelmar.us](http://www.townofdelmar.us) (Town's website) or like us on Town of Delmar Facebook page. Stay tuned for updates.



**Delmar Public Library**  
Preschool Story Time-  
meets Wednesdays at 11  
am. Stories, music,  
activities and crafts for

our youngest readers.

After School Homework Help

For K-12 students is available Monday-Thursday, starting at 3 pm, whenever school is in session. Math, science, reading, spelling, Spanish; assistance for all subjects.

After School Snacks/Meals-for K-12 students on Mondays- Thursdays, 3 pm. Free hot/cold meal or snack provided by the Boys and Girls Club.

English Classes for Adults-beginning and intermediate levels. Meets Tuesdays and Thursdays. Check with the Library for schedules.

AARP Tax Aide Income Tax Preparation- FREE. Appointments required. Dates include March 7, 12, 21, 26, April 2 and 9. No age, income or state restrictions.

Community Partners/Social Workers in the Library- 10 am until noon, March 2, 16, April 6, 20, May 4, 18. DHSS staff can assist or refer you to the program that can best meet your needs, whether it's housing, food assistance, or energy costs. Stop in and say hello.

Senior Medicare Patrol –Volunteers will be available to provide information and assistance with Medicare and Medicaid questions. If you've been denied a claim or suspect fraud in your Medicare billing, you will be able to receive immediate assistance. 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday each month from 1-3 pm.

KC Madhatters- (knit and crochet) meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month

at 6:30 p.m.

The Library will celebrate its' 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April 2020. More details to follow.

The Library will be closed March 9, April 10, May 7, and May 25.

Contact the Library for more information about any of these programs or to register when necessary. Call 302-846-9894.

**Delmar V.F.W. Dates to Remember**  
**March**

- 1- Turkey Shoot- 12 Noon Open to Public
- 4- Bar Bingo-7 pm Open to Public
- 5- Sport Bash Meeting 6:30 pm
- 7- Quarter Auction- New Century Club- Doors open at 5 pm. Open to Public
- 8- Turkey Shoot 12 Noon Open to Public
- 10- District 16 VFW meeting 7 pm
- 11- Lions Club meeting 6:30 pm
- 13- Pork Chop Dinner 5-8 pm Open to Public
- 15- Turkey Shoot- 12 noon- Open to Public
- 15-Paint Night- Open to Public 5 pm
- 16- VFW & Aux. meeting 7:30 pm
- 18- Bar Bingo-7 PM- Open to Public
- 19- Woodworkers meeting- 6:30 pm
- 21- Bingo-Doors open 4 pm Food included. Open to Public
- 22-Turkey Shoot 12 noon- Open to Public
- 24- Little League MOM Meeting 6 pm
- 27-Friday Nite Dinner- Ribeye & Shrimp 5-8 pm Open to Public
- 29- Beef & Dumplings Dinner-Delmar Historical Society- Open to Public 12:30- 4 pm
- 29- Turkey Shoot 12 Noon Open to Public

**April**

- 1- Bar Bingo 7 pm- Open to Public
- 2- Sport Bash Meeting Tickets Available 6:30 pm
- 3- Town of Delmar Quarter Auction 5 pm. Open to Public
- 4- Bingo- Doors open at 4 pm. Food Included Open to Public

- 5- Turkey Shoot 12 Noon Open to Public
- 8- Lions Club Meeting 6:30 pm
- 10- Friday Nite Dinner- 5 pm- Pork Chops- Open to Public
- 12- Turkey Shoot- 12 Noon Open to Public
- 15- Bar Bingo 7 pm. Open to Public
- 16- Woodworkers Meeting 6:30 pm
- 19- Turkey Shoot- 12 Noon- Open to Public
- 20- VFW and Aux. meeting 7:30 pm
- 24- Friday Nite Dinner- 5-8 pm Open to Public Crab Balls and Shrimp
- 26- Delmar Little League Beef and Dumplings 12:30 – 4 pm.
- 26- Turkey Shoot 12 Noon Open to Public

**May**

- 2- Sports Bash- Doors open at 11 am until 6 pm Tickets available
- 8- Friday Nite Dinner- Open to Public 5-8 pm- Pork Chops
- 9- Fundraiser Garrett’s Gift
- 12- VFW District 16 meeting 7 pm
- 13- Lions Club meeting- 6:30 pm
- 16- Bingo-Open to Public Doors open at 4 pm. Food included
- 17- VFW Council Admin. Meeting 12:00
- 21- Woodworkers Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22- Friday Nite Dinner- Open to Public 5-8 pm- Ribeye and Shrimp

**Edward Jones**

Roger Martinson wants everyone to know that they are doing seminars every month.

On March 11<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm, the seminar will be “Who will pay your income during Retirement after the paychecks stop?”

On April 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm, the seminar will be “Investing in the Late Innings of the Bull Market.”

On May 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm, the seminar will try to answer any Social Security Questions.

The seminars are free but space is limited. So please call 302-846-3424 to be included.

Refreshments will be served at all the seminars. They hope you can join them at the Edward Jones office in Delmar Delaware, located at 38650 Sussex Highway, Unit 7, Stateline Plaza.



**DELMAR LITTLE LEAGUE  
OPENING DAY**

Opening Day Parade will be held on April 18, 2020. The parade will start at the Delmar High School at 9 a.m. and will end up at the Little League Park on Walnut Street. The parade should be over by 9:45 a.m. and Opening Day ceremonies should be held right afterwards.

**Town Hall Closings**

Friday, April 10, 2020- Good Friday  
Monday, May 25, 2020-Memorial Day

**DID YOU KNOW???**

**The Delmar Historical and Arts Society (DHAS) was formed in 1979 and was reactivated in 2010.**

**The Society’s purpose is to bring together those people interested in history and art. Membership is open to anyone with an interest in the history and arts of Delmar.**

**Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Delmar Police Station meeting room, located at 102 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Delmar, MD.**

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