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## Message from the Mayor *Mayor James L. Eberhardt*

Since our last newsletter some very positive things have happened in Perryville. First and most important we have once again reduced the property tax rate and this year it is one of the largest property tax rate reductions ever in Perryville. As a result we remain one of the lowest tax rates in the County. As important is the fact that the board unanimously approved a balanced budget for this fiscal year.

Some of the major improvements to the Town include the completion of the Lower Ferry Pier at Rodgers Tavern which will enhance our greatest asset; the river front. I saw about 125 people on the pier viewing the fireworks on the 4th and have received numerous comments about how people have enjoyed their experience there. We have also completed a new building for the Department of Public Works. Both of these major projects were accomplished with a large amount of grant funds and the town's portion was from operating funds, meaning the Town has no debt for either of these projects. In our financial planning for future new facilities, we have established reserve account to be funded each year in hopes of having minimum or no debt on those facilities.

In order to stimulate business in Perryville we have done a couple of things to directly affect business growth; that is in addition to a lower tax rate and water and wastewater plants to accommodate growth. First we are incentivizing businesses by offering grants for façade improvement. The first recipients include business facilities at Aiken and Broad Streets as well as Box Car Avenue Ice-cream. Second, we have established an Economic Development position filled by Susan O'Neill who will work closely with new businesses to bring them to Perryville. We have also brought on board an engineer, Ralph Ryan. It is expected that our engineer will more than make up his salary by the reduction in contractual/engineering costs that we have incurred, and we will have an in house representative looking out for the town's interest regarding construction and design change orders of any major contract.

I believe the Town Board is committed to moving Perryville forward with positive action and sound financial management. Our goal is that all of our actions make Perryville a better place to do business and a better place to live.

# PERRYVILLE PATRIOT'S

Mike A. Dawson

Dear Perryville Patriot's

As a friend of the taxpayer, I consider it my duty to you to keep track of how your tax money is spent. Good government is efficient, transparent, and careful with how your money is spent. As your Town Commissioner I see one clear trend at Town Hall: *more spending, more programs, more government.*

The Town of Perryville is wasting your hard earned tax dollars. I am troubled by this trend because quite frankly—it is reckless and we can't afford it! The Town is poised to plunge us into tremendous debt based on what they think is a bottomless trough that is the Hollywood Casino revenue.

This means that you will be on the hook to pay back millions and millions of dollars for decades as a resident of Perryville. We should not increase public debt, we should decrease it. We should not make financial decisions based on an uncertain income stream (i.e. Hollywood Casino).

The Town of Perryville has already spent your money to build a \$2.2 million dollar pier, now the Mayor is talking about buying a boat to help maintain it. A new Public Works building was just completed at well over the price of \$500k. Money has already been budgeted (FY2013) for a new \$4.5 million dollar Town Hall and \$2 million dollar police station, other municipal buildings to come. In the past 6 months, the Town has hired no less than 6 new full-time employees costing taxpayers upwards of \$400,000 annually.

All of this sounds nice at first, but do we really need it? Wouldn't it be better to put this money back into your hands? Instead of government construction, wouldn't it be great to see new businesses in Perryville? People are struggling to find jobs and businesses are fighting to stay afloat, how will multi-million dollar government spending in Perryville do anything to help our crumbling economy?

*You deserve to know about every dollar spent at Town Hall.* I want to change that. That's why if you email me at [mdawson2059@gmail.com](mailto:mdawson2059@gmail.com) I will send you purchase orders from the Town of Perryville so that you can see exactly what I see and where your tax dollars are being wasted.

In closing I ask, how will we pay for this massive expansion of government? Is the answer the Casino? If you read the paper you know that they just lost 30 to 40 percent of their revenue. Is it the new residential development flooding the Town? We know that is not happening here. Is it the new businesses we all see popping up throughout Town? Not happening. What is going to happen if we do not do something is that more of the tax burden will rest on the shoulders of "We The People." This reminds me of an old saying "there are none so blind as those that will not see." If you are interested in changing government in Perryville for the future of our community, please join me. We must stand up against big government.

*Yours in public service,*  
Mike A. Dawson  
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## COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

*Susan O'Neill – Economic Development Manager*

The Town of Perryville is putting together a volunteer committee of people to plan, organize and work at Community Events. Some of the types of events that we envision are outdoor concerts, outdoor movies, and farmers markets – although the events would not necessarily be limited to those mentioned. We will be holding a meeting on Tuesday, October 9, 2012 at 6 pm on the second floor of Town Hall. If you are interested in attending the meeting or are unable but would still like to assist with these types of events, please call Susan O'Neill at 410-642-6066 ext. 18.

## HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY WITH MEDICATIONS ACCEPTANCE

Cecil County Residents may bring Household Hazardous Waste to the Central Landfill along with unwanted medications for proper disposal on **Sunday, October 7, 2012 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.**

*Any questions please contact Cecil County Land Fill @ 410-996-6275 or [www.ccrecycling.org](http://www.ccrecycling.org)*

## DPW

Aaron Ashford

As the summer has come to a close, Fall is here and it is only a matter of time before winter is completely upon us. This is the best time to prepare yourself for the winter months by readying your home for emergencies that you may encounter during the sometimes harsh winter weather. Winter weather can sometimes have enough strength to cause major issues. Some stronger storms in recent years have had the ability to cause a loss of power from several minutes to several days. Often when a storm is powerful enough to cause a loss of power, it also comes with the unfortunate circumstance of being stranded in your home while snow removal crews battle the elements to keep roads open for emergency vehicles. Some things to consider keeping as part of your "snow emergency kit" should include:

### THE ESSENTIALS

- Food: Food that requires no cooking or refrigeration such as bread, crackers, cereal, canned foods, and dried fruits. Remember baby food and formula if you have young children.
- Water: In case water pipes freeze or rupture, keep a supply of tap water or purchase bottled water. The recommended amount of water to keep is 5 gallons per person.
- Medicines: Roads may be inaccessible for several days due to the storm. Make sure to order or refill any prescriptions that family members may need.
- Identification: Make sure to keep forms of identification with you such as social security card, passport, photo ID, and driver's license. In addition, make sure to have bank account information, and insurance policies.

### EMERGENCY MATERIALS

- Alternate methods to heat your home:
  - Dry firewood for a fireplace or wood stove
  - Kerosene for a kerosene heater
  - Furnace fuel (coal, propane, or oil)
  - Electric space heater with automatic shut-off switch and non-glowing elements
- Blankets
- Matches
- First Aid Kit and instruction manual
- Multipurpose, dry-chemical fire extinguisher
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered radio, clock/watch
- Extra batteries
- Shovel
- Rock salt
- Non-electric can opener

When creating a winter survival kit for your home, take into consideration factors that are specific to your home and family. For instance if your home is isolated or on the outskirts of a residential area, making it more difficult for help to reach you, make sure to stock additional amounts of food, water, and medicine. Listening to weather forecasts regularly can provide you with several days' notice to allow you to check emergency materials and to stock-up on essential supplies.

## THE YMCA OF CECIL COUNTY

Classes that are available at the Cifaldo Community Center are: 30minute Power Packed/Super Circuit/45minute Butts & Gutts/Zumba/Zumba Gold/Latin Dance Classes/Zumbatomicms for the kids. Certified instructors, good music, and fun are the core ingredients that make up the YMCA programs to help you stay focused and motivated on your fitness journey.



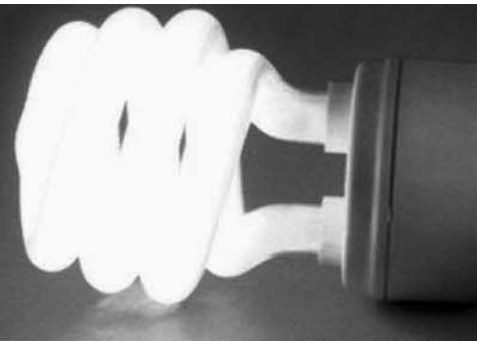
Also, when school is out for professional days or holidays, send your child to the YMCA in Perryville for a day of fun. Designed for children ages K-5th grade.

Pre-registration is recommended.

Bring your child(ren) to the Movie Night at the Cifaldo Center and enjoy a movie, popcorn, and soda. Pre-registration is required!!!! Please call the YMCA to pre-register.

*For more information on programs & dates for the YMCA in Perryville visit our web-site at [www.ymcacecil.org](http://www.ymcacecil.org) or call Janice Gavin (410)392-9622.*

# Delmarva Power's FREE Quick Home Energy Check-up



## As Easy as 1-2-3

### How It Works

1. Walk-through. A Check-up professional will perform a walk-through of your home, to show you how you can reduce the amount of energy you use and save money. Your Check-up professional will assess the condition of the following items:

- Insulation levels
- Air leakage
- Heating and cooling systems
- Windows and doors
- Lighting and appliances
- Water heating equipment

2. FREE Installation of energy-saving measures. With your permission, the Check-up professional will provide and install the following energy-saving measures in your home at no additional cost:

- Up to 16 compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs)  
with options for dimmable, three way, globe, flood and spiral bulbs
- Four faucet aerators
- Two Efficient-flow fixed or handheld showerheads
- Water heater pipe insulation (installed on hot and cold pipes for six feet from water heater)
- Water heater tank wrap (electric water heaters only)
- Smart Power Strips

3. Discussion of findings. After the Check-up, you will receive a report summarizing important findings, recommended improvements, and opportunities to reduce energy use and costs, while improving the comfort of your home.

All Delmarva Power residential customers are eligible to participate in the Quick Home Energy Check-up

## Schedule by calling 443-485-6318

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:  
[www.delmarva.com/SaveEnergy](http://www.delmarva.com/SaveEnergy)



# TRASH AND RECYCLE PICK-UP

*(Please display in a convenient place as a reminder.)*

- **Regular trash pick-up is on MONDAYS**
- **Recyclables will be collected every THURSDAY**  
*(Yard Waste will be picked up as seen on the SCHEDULE ON THE RIGHT)*

There has been a misconception among some Town residents that since all recyclables were put into the same truck by the Town's trash contractor that the Town was not recycling. However, even though the Cecil County Landfill only recently went with single-stream recycling, the Town's trash contractor has been taking our recyclables to a facility that does single stream recycling and will continue to do so. The Town of Perryville will now be picking up Yard Waste. *The following Holidays will cause the pick up to be a day behind on anything after the holiday for the Town's trash contractor if during the work week. The holidays included are, New Years Day, Independence Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day.*

**All of the following recyclables can be mixed in the same container:**

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|---|---|
| • Newspaper   | • Mixed Paper   |
| • Aluminum cans   | • Rigid Plastics, including yogurt containers, butter tubs, flower pots (with dirt & flowers removed), plastic laundry baskets, buckets, cups (party cups - plastic cups all types), food trays, crates, totes. |
| • Glass jars & bottles (excluding canning jars)                     | • Bagged Plastic Grocery Bags   |
| • <b>Narrow neck</b> plastic containers<br>> Codes 1,2,3,4,5,6, & 7 | • Aluminum Foil, pie plates, food trays   |
| • Newsprint   | • Milk Cartons  |
| • Cardboard   | • Bagged Shredded Paper   |
| • Tin, Steel, & Bi-metal cans (including empty aerosol cans)        |   |
| • Office Paper  |   |

All containers must be rinsed with lids removed. Wet cardboard is not accepted. If you do not see an item on your list, please do not include it with your recyclables. Paint cans are **NOT** accepted in trash, heavy trash or recyclables.

## BULK TRASH

Bulk trash items are picked up on the second Monday of the month. In order to have your bulk trash picked up please contact Town Hall at 410-642-6066 no later than **2:00 pm** on the Friday before the pickup for scheduling. We require that items be put out on Sunday evening for Monday morning pickup. Bulk trash is intended for households needing to get rid of a few large items. If you have more than that, you may need to rent the Town's dump truck or find other means to take your items to the Landfill.

### Below are rules and regulations pertaining to Bulk Trash Pick-Up:

Refrigerators must have doors removed, anything using a motor must have motor removed, no more than two demounted tires. We will not pick up items over 8 ft. long, propane tanks, shingles, batteries, anti - freeze, oil, or cans of paint.

**After hours Emergency Call out number for the Town: 443-206-4425**

# TOWN OF PERRYVILLE YARD WASTE PICK-UP

**(SOUTH Side of Rt. 40) Calendar Year 2012**  
**April 2012 – November 2012**

DATE:	PICKUP:	DATE:	PICKUP:
South Side 04/03/12	Yard Waste	South Side 08/07/12	Yard Waste
South Side 04/17/12	Yard Waste	South Side 08/21/12	Yard Waste
South Side 05/01/12	Yard Waste	South Side 09/04/12	Yard Waste
South Side 05/15/12	Yard Waste	South Side 09/18/12	Yard Waste
South Side 05/29/12	Yard Waste	South Side 10/02/12	Yard Waste
South Side 06/12/12	Yard Waste	South Side 10/16/12	Yard Waste
South Side 06/26/12	Yard Waste	South Side 10/30/12	Yard Waste
South Side 07/10/12	Yard Waste	South Side 11/13/12	Yard Waste
South Side 07/24/12	Yard Waste	South Side 11/27/12	Yard Waste

**(NORTH Side of Rt. 40) Calendar Year 2012**  
**April 2012 - November 2012**

DATE:	PICKUP:	DATE:	PICKUP:
North Side 04/04/12	Yard Waste	North Side 08/08/12	Yard Waste
North Side 04/18/12	Yard Waste	North Side 08/22/12	Yard Waste
North Side 05/02/12	Yard Waste	North Side 09/05/12	Yard Waste
North Side 05/16/12	Yard Waste	North Side 09/19/12	Yard Waste
North Side 05/30/12	Yard Waste	North Side 10/03/12	Yard Waste
North Side 06/13/12	Yard Waste	North Side 10/17/12	Yard Waste
North Side 06/27/12	Yard Waste	North Side 10/31/12	Yard Waste
North Side 07/11/12	Yard Waste	North Side 11/14/12	Yard Waste
North Side 07/25/12	Yard Waste	North Side 11/28/12	Yard Waste

**December 2012 through March 2013 the Yard Waste will be picked up on the Second Tuesday of the month. In order to have yard waste picked up during that period please contact Town Hall at 410-642-6066 no later than 2 p.m. on the Friday before the pickup for scheduling.**

**Leaves and grass clippings should be put loose into a container no larger than 35 gallons. They will no longer be accepted in bags.** Additionally, a maximum of 5 containers and/or bundles per household per service day of yard waste will be picked up. Branches, no greater than 3" in diameter, should be bundled and tied; length cannot exceed 4 feet.

# PERRYVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

## REMOVE AND LOCK, BEFORE THE SHOCK

The Perryville Police Department has seen a slight increase in thefts from vehicles. We are requesting your help in battling these crimes before they soar. Along with the usual electronics, criminals could steal the following items from YOUR vehicle: license plates, tire rims and even airbags! Motorcycles are also being targeted! What to do?

## AWARENESS AWARENESS AWARENESS!

Report **ALL** suspicious activity, people and noises! Take the time to observe and document license plate numbers, descriptions of unfamiliar vehicles and suspects. Record dates and times. Call 911 and report your observations.

### Here are a few ways you can minimize your chances of victimization:

- Lock vehicle doors at **ALL** times
- Park vehicles in well-lit areas
- Do not leave valuables, including keys in your cars
- Remove desirable items from view
- Remove curiosity-provoking items such as empty bags or charging cords
- Do not leave your vehicle running unattended
- Keep your garage door closed and remove garage door opener from car
- Remove all personal information from the vehicle to avoid identity theft
- **RENDER YOUR VEHICLE BORING!**

## KEEP OUR SENIORS WARM THROUGH THE WINTER

Warmth presents itself in many forms. We all have that nice warm blanket tucked away which thaws the winter chill that has settled in our bones. Whenever we see a drive for blankets for the poor or the homeless during the winter months, we open our hearts and give to those less fortunate. Sound familiar? That kindness and generosity would be well-suited to our seniors in our very own neighborhoods. Take the opportunity to know who the elderly are in our neighborhoods. Take a minute to ask if you can help them in any way. How can you help?

- Shovel their walkway or driveway
- Inspect their car to make sure it runs safely (check windshield washer fluid level)
- Offer to do some shopping for them if you are going to the grocery store
- Let them know how they can contact you in case of an emergency
- Ensure the numbers on their house are easily visible in case of emergencies
- Replace an interior or exterior light bulb
- Ensure any extension cords are out of the way so they don't trip

Senior citizens are some of our most valuable Neighborhood Watch participants. Many have lived in their neighborhoods for many years and are in a good position to notice any suspicious activity. They have so much to offer us. They have lived history, worked many years and have seen the times change in many areas of our society which make them a great resource. Encourage seniors to get involved with the youth in our communities! They can be great role models and suggest some sound guidance through their life experiences. Let's protect our resources and develop our youth! Encourage our senior community to speak out for help when they need it! Build relationships! Elderly or disabled members of our community should entertain an introduction between family and neighborhood friends; if an emergency arises, you will have a communication tree in place. Promoting neighborliness offers warmth to the community that far exceeds that of a blanket. It warms the heart and the spirit, offers immeasurable benefits to our society, and we learn so much from

each other. Seniors don't want to burden us so they don't ask for help or sometimes reject it. **Remember, we are our future elderly!**

## SENIORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TOGETHER (SALT)...

is reaching out to seniors in Perryville and Cecil County to get more involved. Seniors, law enforcement, community services and anyone who has an interest in reducing the victimization of seniors come together on a regular basis to discuss issues like ID theft, fraud, fire prevention, emergency management and other crime prevention topics. Meetings are held through-out Cecil County.

For more information or to become a member of SALT, *please e-mail Chief Wernz at [cwernz@perryvillemd.org](mailto:cwernz@perryvillemd.org) or Jerry Truitt at [Jerry.Truitt@maryland.gov](mailto:Jerry.Truitt@maryland.gov).*

## EVENTS AT THE PERRYVILLE LIBRARY

Perryville Branch, 500 Coudon Boulevard, Perryville. *To register, please call 410-996-6070.*

**9/24/2012** - Pajama Storytime, 6:30 PM

**9/26/2012** - STEM: Yummy Math!, 3:30 PM – *registration required*

**10/9/2012** - True Stories from a Homicide Detective, 7:00 PM

**10/18/2012** - The Halloween Haunt, 3:00 PM at Perryville Branch – *registration required*

**10/24/2012** - Once Upon a Spooky Afternoon, 3:30 PM at Perryville Branch – *registration required*

## TOWN EVENTS

**October 13, 2012 - Autumnfest Parade**, 10 a.m., begins at the Perryville Middle School on Aiken Avenue, sponsored by the Greater Perryville Chamber of Commerce. *Additional information can be obtained at the Chamber Presidents email at [president@perryvillecc.org](mailto:president@perryvillecc.org) or Contact: Matt Roath/President: 443-350-6615*

**October 13, 2012 - Autumnfest**, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Rain or Shine, Roundhouse Drive adjacent to Rodgers Tavern. Entertainment, food, crafts, amusements, family fun, sponsored by the Greater Perryville Chamber of Commerce. *Additional information can be obtained at the Chamber Presidents email at [president@perryvillecc.org](mailto:president@perryvillecc.org) or Contact: Matt Roath/President: 443-350-6615*

**October 26, 2012 - Halloween Party** - 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Town Hall Parking Lot- Parents must accompany children. Costume required for children ages 12 years and under. *(Rain or Shine tent provided.)*

**October 31, 2012 - Trick or Treating** in Perryville from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**TBD** - Holiday House Decorating Contest

**December 08, 2012 - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony** 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Christmas carols, kids activities, Santa Claus & refreshments. Property adjacent to Rodgers Tavern.

## TOWN OF PERRYVILLE - 2012 WATER & SEWAGE RATE SCHEDULE

(QUARTERLY CHARGE)

WATER METER SIZE	WATER BASE	WATER O&M	TOTAL WATER	SEWER BASE	SEWER O&M	TOTAL SEWER	TOTAL PER QTR
5/8 WATER METER Min. 2,500 Gallons	\$13.00	\$19.55	\$32.55	\$13.00	\$15.38	\$28.38	\$60.93

WATER CHARGE \$7.82 /1,000 gallons over minimum

SEWER CHARGE \$6.15 /1,000 gallons over minimum

## WATER & SEWER RATES

- Water/Sewer bill due dates – November 15th, February 15th, May 15th, August 15th.
- Any usage past the minimum of 2,500 gallons will be charged at \$7.82 per 1,000 gallons for water and \$6.15 per 1,000 gallons for sewer.
- **If you have any questions, please contact Town Hall (410)-642-6066**

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**TOWN COMMISSIONER OF PERRYVILLE**

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**Permit No. 13**

*Current Resident*

**NEW EMPLOYEES**

**FINANCE DEPT –**

**Kelli Jamison** was hired on March 26th as the Accounts Payable Clerk. She was born and raised in Perryville, but currently resides in Port Deposit. Kelli had been employed with Harford Memorial Hospital for the past 12 years. She is excited about her new position in her home town and looks forward to working for the Town of Perryville.

**ADMINISTRATION DEPT –**

**Ralph Ryan** has been hired as their new Town Engineer. Ralph is a civil engineer with over ten years of engineering experience ranging from land development for commercial and residential communities, to highway design for many roads in Maryland, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. He graduated from the University of Delaware with a bachelor in Civil Engineering and has earned his professional engineering license in 2007. Ralph grew up in Newark Delaware and has since moved to North East Maryland almost four years ago.

**Susan O’Neill** was recently hired as Perryville’s Economic Development Manager. She started work on July 10, 2012. Susan has a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Baltimore and an M.P.A. in Economic Development from the University of Baltimore. Ms. O’Neill has a strong background in economic development, including work with Baltimore County Economic Development, and Dover, DE as the Director of Main Street Dover. Additionally, she was an Economic Development Coordinator for LSHG and more recently has worked for the Town of Bel Air as a Grants/ Economic Development Coordinator. Susan lives in Cecil County.

**DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS –**

**Jeff Artrip** has been married for 10 years and has 2 children. He has 15 years’ experience in home construction and remodeling, 7 years’ experience in building domestic steam water supplies for government installations, has his plumbers apprentice card and experience in pipe fitting. He also has experience in lawn care and landscaping. He has leadership experience in all of these fields and has be responsible for crews of as few as 3 employees and as large as 33 employees. He has a background in mechanics that has been put to use to in restoring old cars and motorcycles.

**Stephen Rennoll**, is married with 2 children also. He currently lives on Anchor Court. He previously worked for the City of Bel Air for three years and also a Perryville resident for 3 years. He was looking for a job closer to home when deciding he wanted to work for the Town of Perryville. He brings with him previous experience in the Water and Sewer industry as well as experience working with concrete.

**PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT –**

Jeff Morton is the new addition to the Parks and Recreation Department. He currently lives in Colora, Maryland with his wife and children. He recently worked at Fort Meade working with a contractor in landscaping, lawn care and tree care. He brings that experience with him to the Town of Perryville. This experience has allowed him to fit in seamlessly with the other parks employees and their daily tasks.

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