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Town Manager



Summer 2009  
June, July, August

## Town of Delmar

### Proposed Highlights of Fiscal 2010 Budget

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 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### Budget 2009-2010

	Operating	Capital	TOTAL
Delmar, Maryland	\$2,007,324	\$936,019	\$2,943,343
Delmar, Delaware	1,280,314	598,500	1,878,814
Delmar Utility Commission*	1,801,119	4,239,569	6,040,688
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,088,757</b>	<b>\$5,774,088</b>	<b>\$10,862,845</b>

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

#### REVENUES:

Delmar, Maryland real property tax revenues were decreased due to the town wide reassessment performed by the Maryland Department of Assessments. Therefore the State recommended that the Real property tax rates increase by .017 making the new tax rate .693.

In Fiscal Year 2008, Delmar, Delaware there was a town wide reassessment which resulted in increased assessment values; therefore as required by state law we were required to remain revenue neutral in Fiscal Year 2009. Remaining revenue neutral did not permit the Mayor and Council to increase the property tax rate. For FY'10 projected revenues and expenses indicate that without major budget cuts and a tax rate increase it was impossible for the Mayor & Council to balance its budget. The Mayor & Council found it necessary to increase the real property taxes by .10 (per 100 of assessed value). The new property tax rate will be .50. Corporate and utility operating tax rates will remain the same as the prior year in fiscal year 2010.

#### Tax Rates 2009-2010

	Real Property	Operating Property	Personal Property
Delmar, Maryland	.693	2.00	2.00
Delmar, Delaware	.50	2.00	

Garbage collection fees will also remain the same in fiscal year 2010. In July 2005, the garbage collection was contracted to a private waste collection company. The fees will continue to be collected by the Town on the annual tax bill.

The Delmar Utility Commission service rates for water & sewer have changed to address major issues affecting this enterprise fund. The impact of the current economic conditions has made the operational costs increase. The usage fees per 1,000 gallons for water and sewer will increase. Current Water rates are \$2.50. Proposed Water rates will be \$3.50. Current Sewer rate is \$4.00. Proposed Sewer rate will be \$5.00. The flat rate charges such as Water Availability Charge and Sewer Front Footage Fee will decrease. The Water Flat rate changes from \$17.35 to \$15.75 and the Sewer Flat rate changes from \$33.00 to \$16.89.

**EXPENDITURES:**

- The Joint Council agreed to share the operating expenditures of the Police Department and Town Hall beginning FY 06 based upon a 60/40 split, between Maryland & Delaware, respectively. Also, there were essential budget requests that the Mayor and Council have agreed to repay Delmar, Maryland for covering. The requests included a necessary upgrade to the Administrative Financial Operation Software, the Police Department's Regular Overtime and the lease payment for the new Police Department vehicle.
- The Town of Delmar employs 38 full-time benefited employees. The Town proposes to hire four (4) New Officers if we are the successful recipients of the COPS Hiring Grant Program. In an effort to balance the budget and preserve current employment status, there will be no cost of living adjustment included in this year's budget.
- Although there were significant budget cuts, the Town's Elected Officials believe that we have a golden opportunity to purchase the historical Bank of Delmarva building located at 12 E. State Street in the downtown district. The Town Officials believe that it would only be fitting for the Municipal Government Offices to reclaim its original location on State Street. The real estate purchase would be a tremendous asset to the Town and the community, therefore the Town of Delmar has made budget appropriations to acquire the property. The Town will also be seeking grant funds to assist with making the building fit to accommodate American Disabilities Act regulations.
- Street repairs occurring in Delmar, Maryland will be paving a section of Walnut St. between (Penn. Ave. to 2nd Street). Street repairs in Delmar, Delaware are contingent upon receipt of Legislative Revenues & will begin with Delaware Ave. (Bi-State – 5th St.) and N. Penn. Ave. (State St. - Grove St.). Priority for street replacement and repair projects is based upon an engineer's street inventory as of January 2006.
- Major projects for the Utility Commission include the Enhanced Nutrient Removal project and upgrading major components at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Maintaining the current service agreements that were established for the maintenance of the water towers and all generators at plants and pump stations.
- Consultation Fees will be incurred under Delmar, Delaware Planning & Zoning Department. The fees will satisfy services preformed for updating their Comprehensive Plan.

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Please contact Sara Bynum-King, Town Manager,  
with any questions concerning the proposed budget.  
410-896-2777 or 302-846-2664, ext. 105

The Delmar, Maryland Municipal Primary Election (if needed) for one (1) Mayor and two (2) Commissioners will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. Qualified voters may vote between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2009.

Mayor and Commissioners  
**Town of Delmar, Maryland**  
**2009 Primary Election Calendar**

Deadline- Candidacy Filing

Monday, September 14, 2009

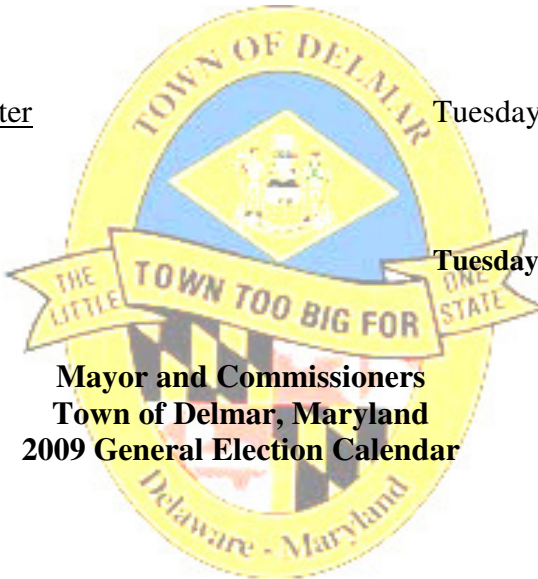
Deadline- Voters to Register

Tuesday, September 15, 2009

Primary Election Date

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

Tuesday, September 22, 2009



Mayor and Commissioners  
**Town of Delmar, Maryland**  
**2009 General Election Calendar**

Date of Election

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

Tuesday, November 17, 2009

starting at 7:00 a.m.

Closing at 7:00 p.m.

Or until last person in line

At close of doors has voted.

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### High Volume User Form

Do you have a pool?

Do you have a flower or vegetable garden?

Do you do boat maintenance at home?

If you do, you are eligible for a reduction of the sewer portion of your utility bill through our **HIGH VOLUME USER POLICY. This policy is only in effect during the June, July, and August billing quarter, and the application must be filled**



**out annually.** The quarter starts as soon as the readings for the March, April and May quarter are completed. An application is provided within this newsletter and also on our website: [www.townofdelmar.us](http://www.townofdelmar.us). If you would like to apply, please fill out an application and return it to Delmar Town Hall, 100 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Delmar, MD. 21875. All applications must be turned in by AUGUST 14, 2009.

## Senior Discount On Taxes

Delmar property owners who meet the following qualifications can apply to receive a **5% discount** on their annual property taxes:

- 1). One of the property owners has attained the age of 65 years by March 1st of the year the application is filed.
- 2). As of March 1st, they are the sole owners 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 for the owners and that the property taxes are current. The application **MUST** accompany payment to receive the discount. If you send your tax bill to your mortgage company to pay your taxes, the application **MUST** be remitted with your payment in order to receive the discount. **Please be informed that no discounts will be given after September 30<sup>th</sup> or after initial payment has been received and processed.** The Discount is on Property Taxes only; this **DOES NOT** apply to the garbage fee. There is an application included within this newsletter that can be filled out and returned **WITH** your tax payment.

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### Holiday Closings for Town Hall

Friday, July 3, 2009  
Independence Day

September 7, 2009  
Labor Day

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### Meeting Dates Changed

Below are the changed meeting dates and times due to the Summer Maryland Municipal League Conference being held in June.

#### **Planning and Zoning**

Thursday, June 18, 2009 7:00 p.m.

#### **Public Works**

Monday, June 22, 2009 6:00 p.m.

#### **Utility Commission**

Monday, June 22, 2009 6:30 p.m.

#### **Joint Council**

Monday, June 22, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Starting in July, the Delaware Council and Maryland Commission have decided to continue to hold the Joint Council on the last Monday of the month, and have their separate meetings on an as-needed basis.

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The Town of Delmar now accepts credit cards for payment for all Town accounts and fees.

- Taxes
- Special garbage pickups
- Utilities
- Building permits
- Rentals and Business licenses

We will gladly accept the following major credit cards...

**American Express, Discover, Master Card or Visa.**

We'll also accept your debit card (as long as it has a Visa or MasterCard logo).

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**Lori Dewald**  
**Maryland Resident**  
**Utility Commission Member**

Our spotlight is not on an Employee this quarter, but on one of the Town's Volunteers.

Dr. Lori Dewald is a Maryland resident that serves on the Delmar Utility Commission. She is employed at Salisbury University in the University's Department of Health, Physical Education and Human Performance and recently has been named as American Association for Health Education (AAHE) Fellow for 2009. She has been a member of this Association for 27 years. She has received awards for her undergraduate teaching seven times in her career, delivered 82 national conference presentations, published in 35 refereed publications and written 36 health education textbook reviews. Locally, she visits nursing homes with her two Shetland Sheepdogs; she is becoming a deaconess in the Lutheran Church and plans to volunteer in hospital chaplaincy and hospice care.

Thank you Lori, for your devoted volunteer services to our community!!!!!!

## High Volume User Data Form

**\*APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BY AUGUST 14TH**

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

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

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

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

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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)

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**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.

**TOWN OF DELMAR-DE/MD**

**Application for Senior Citizen Discount**

Owner (s):					Cust #:	
Property Address:					Acct #:	
Telephone Number:						

**THE APPLICANTS DO HEREBY SWEAR OR AFFIRM:**

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

Applicant signature

Date of application

**Application 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. 5% Discount is on Property Taxes only, this does not apply to the garbage fee.** If you have any questions pertaining to this application please call 410-896-2777 or 302-846-2664 ext. 107

**Did you know ???** The most centrally located historical attraction in Delmar is the previously mentioned **highball signal**. The signal stands 30 feet above the ground and seven feet below. When given to the town in 1959, the signal was already 127 years old, making it now 177 years old. The structure has suspended from it a large white ball that was raised or lowered by a pulley to indicate the condition of the track ahead. The signal was the last one in existence on the Pennsylvania system and was used for 116 years. First in use on the New Castle and Frenchtown Railroad in Delaware in 1832, it was active until the abandonment of that line many years later. It was then shifted to the Hurlock crossing where it stayed active until 1948 when it was retired from active use. To preserve this historic structure, the signal was removed to Cape Charles, Virginia, and erected at the Delmarva Division headquarters. It stayed there until its move in 1959 to Delmar.

## **Delmar Kiwanis Summer Events**

Below is a listing of the Kiwanis upcoming Summer Events:

- June 6, 2009 Day in the Park ,They will be serving Oysters, French Fries, and Crab Cakes
  - June 18, 2009 Delmar Library Band Concert in Delmar Park Thursday Night 5:00 p.m.
  - September 11, 2009 Back to School Bash Delmar Elementary School
  - September 19, 2009 Coastal Bay Cleanup Day at Assateague, MD.
  - September 20, 2009 Town of Delmar 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Week long event
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### **TOWN OF DELMAR SESQUI-CENTENNIAL (150<sup>TH</sup>) HERITAGE CELEBRATION**

The Town of Delmar is in the middle of planning it's week-long anniversary celebration (September 20-26, 2009). Tentatively, there will be opening ceremonies with fireworks, a parade, picnic in the park, a play at the High School, Ice Cream Social, music, a home high school football game, block party, yard sale train museum tours, historic tours, games, contests and FUN for everyone ALL WEEK LONG !!!!

Committees have been formed and **VOLUNTEERS** are needed, **both individuals and businesses.** Please join us as we plan an event of a lifetime !!!!

Below is a list of the committees and their contact person.

**Souvenir Booklet Committee** - Marlena Hodgins (410-896-9255), Tommy Young (302-875-3917) or Melanie Boltz (302-846-2762). They are in the process of selling ads. Patron Ads are \$5.00, Business Cards \$15.00, Quarter Page \$25.00, Half Page \$50.00, and Whole pages \$100.00. Anyone interested can call

**Parade Committee**- Carrie Williams (410-896-4029) or Carl Anderton (410-896-3043)

All local businesses and organizations are invited to participate in the parade. For a parade application stop by Town Hall.

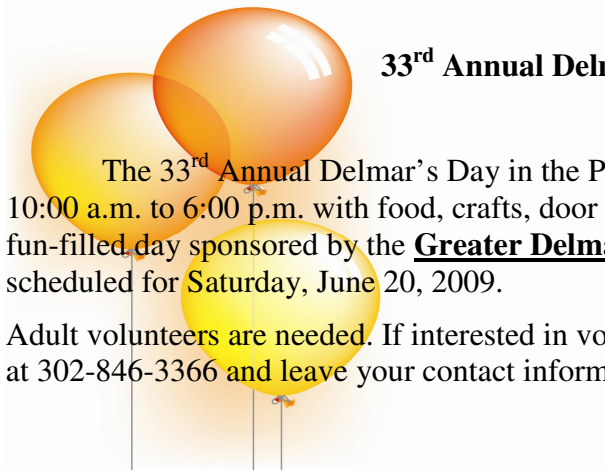
**Little Miss and Mr. Pageant** – Robert Thompson at 302-846-3371

**Historic Tour**-Mary Lee Pase at 302-846-2193

**School Committee/ Street Party Committee**- Chris Walter 302-462-5011

**Game Committee**- Melanie Boltz at 302-846-2762 or Sharon Levadnuk at 302-846-9574

The Committees are looking for information about the **Oldest Living Resident of Delmar!!!** If anyone has any information or idea as to who this might be, please feel free to contact Robert Thompson at 302-846-3371.



### **33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Delmar Day in the Park**

The 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Delmar's Day in the Park will be held on **Saturday, June 6, 2009** from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with food, crafts, door prizes, 50/50, live entertainment and more!!! It's a fun-filled day sponsored by the **Greater Delmar Chamber of Commerce**. A rain date is scheduled for Saturday, June 20, 2009.

Adult volunteers are needed. If interested in volunteering, please call the Chamber of Commerce at 302-846-3366 and leave your contact information.

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