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THE TOWN OF PORT DEPOSIT NEWSLETTER

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PIRATE TAKEOVER ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS FOR TOWN

What a weekend, Neighbor! With two days of beautiful weather, the 4th Annual Port Deposit Pirate Takeover was everything we hoped for and more. Families enjoyed kids' games, face painting, and crafts, while our artisan vendors and food trucks kept the crowd full and happy. Our local businesses also experienced an exciting surge in both traffic and profits, making the celebration a win for the whole town. From mermaids and pirates to magicians, hypnotists, belly dancers, and a new addition this year—an aerialist and an "indestructible lady" sideshow—there was something for everyone. The laughter, cheers, and wide-eyed wonder made it clear: this family-friendly celebration was a true success.

Events like this don't happen without support. We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, community partners, and incredible volunteers who made the weekend possible. And thank you, Port Deposit, for showing up, spreading the word, and sharing your pirate cheer.

Community Connecting Us is proud to collaborate with the Town of Port Deposit each year to bring the Pirate Takeover to life. Mark your calendars now... we'll see you September 19th & 20th, 2026, for our 5th Annual Pirate Takeover. Until then... keep your swords sharp and your treasure maps ready.



GENERAL LAFAYETTE'S RETURN TO PORT DEPOSIT

On Tuesday, July 29, 2025, Port Deposit welcomed back one of its most distinguished historic guests, General Lafayette, precisely 200 years after his original visit in 1825. As part of the national commemoration of Lafayette's Farewell Tour (1824 to 1825), the American Friends of Lafayette brought a costumed interpreter to retrace the General's path, with Port Deposit as one of the celebrated stops.

In 1825, Lafayette briefly visited Port Deposit, taking refreshments at the Megredy House (now known as the Gerry House), before continuing his journey by steamboat to Baltimore. This year's bicentennial tribute honored that moment through the coordinated efforts of the Port Deposit Heritage Corporation, the Town of Port Deposit, and the Harford County Bicentennial Committee.

Despite sweltering temperatures over 100 degrees, residents and visitors gathered in the decorated Town Square to celebrate in full spirit. The Maryland Army National Guard Brass Band set the tone with period marches, providing a fitting backdrop for the day's tributes and proclamations.

Councilmember Berlin delivered a proclamation recognizing Lafayette's enduring contributions to the American Revolution and human rights. The Town officially designated July 29, 2025, as "Lafayette Day" in the Town of Port Deposit.

Several community organizations and vendors contributed to the day's success, including the Cecil County Public Library, Harmony Lodge of the Freemasons, Port Deposit Heritage Corporation, Community Connecting Us, and Jane Bellmeyr, who led a hands-on craft station where participants built traditional buzz saw, or Whirly-Gigs. The celebration continued with a "Lunch with Lafayette" hosted at Lee's Landing Dock Bar.

Following the meal, the General was escorted to the Lee's Landing dock where he boarded the Havre de Grace Susquehanna Fire Company boat. Port Deposit honored his departure with a four-cannon salute.

Did you know?

In 1670, 300 acres of land, known as "the Widow's Lot", was sold by John Hyde to Colonel John Creswell who ran a ferry there. The area was then known as "Creswell's Ferry". This property represents the north of Town Square.



The Paw Paw Museum's upcoming open hours are: Oct 12 and Oct 26 from 1-4

Farmer's Market has 1 day left! October 11, 10a-2pm
Downtown S. Main Street



Port Deposit Refuse and Recycle Service Casella Curbside Collection Guidelines

To ensure smooth and reliable collection, please follow these key guidelines:

- o Pickup Day: Monday. Place bins out the night before or by 6 AM; remove by 7 PM.
- o Trash & Recycling: Use Casella-provided containers only. Bags/recyclables must be inside containers with lids closed. Nothing left outside will be collected. Follow Cecil County guidelines for recycling.
- o Placement: Leave 3 ft clearance around bins; place on a level surface with lid opening facing street and 15 ft overhead clearance.
- o Container Colors: Recycling: Navy Blue w/ Light Blue Top, Light Blue w/ Black Top, Green w/ Black Top. Trash: Navy Blue w/ Black Top, Black w/ Green Top, Grey w/ Black Top.
- o Oversized/Additional Items: Call Casella at 1-800-227-3552 to schedule; do not place more than 24 hrs in advance. Fees billed to homeowner.
- o For missed collections or container issues, call Town Hall at 410-378-2121. Holiday/weather delays are posted on the Town's website and Facebook page.

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SAVE THE DATES

NOW UNTIL DEC- KNITTING GROUP GIVE BACK-CCU

10/31- WATER WITCH TRUNK OR TREAT

11/1- 5:30 PM- DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS AT CCU

11/22- TOWN CLEAN UP DAY

12/6- TOWN TREE LIGHTING

12/17- COMMUNITY DINNER

WITH COOL BEANS, CCU, AND ALL PATHS

12/21- CCU LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE

MORE DETAILS CAN BE FOUND on
communityconnecting.us or
portdeposit.org

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

PUBLIC MEETINGS @ Town Hall, 64 S. Main St.

TOWN COUNCIL- 7PM START TIMES

OCTOBER 7 & 21

NOVEMBER 4 & 18

DECEMBER 2 & 16

PLANNING COMMISSION- 6PM START TIMES*

OCTOBER 9 & 23

NOVEMBER 13 & 20

DECEMBER 11 & 18

*PC meetings may be cancelled if no applications