



The Town of Port Deposit Newsletter

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Winter 2025



Save The Date- 2nd Annual Fire & Ice Festival – Saturday, February 28, 2026

Get ready, Port Deposit! Fire & Ice is BACK and bigger than ever! After welcoming more than 1,000 visitors last year, we're turning up the heat and the chill for 2026 with an expanded FREE festival full of winter magic, cozy vibes, and unforgettable fun!

What's New This Year? We're taking everything you loved last year... and adding MORE!

- More Vendors – Shop local makers, creators, and small businesses!
- More Igloos to Rent – Reserve your own cozy, glowing igloo for the perfect winter hangout.
- Live Music – Enjoy performances throughout the day from our live band!
- More Winter Magic – YES, we're bringing back the SNOW!

Also, do not forget there will be:

- Complimentary S'mores Kits – Roast the perfect treat over our toasty fire pits.
- Hot Chocolate Bar – Build your dream cup with all the toppings.
- Food Specials – Exclusive Fire & Ice menu specials at local restaurants like Granite Run Taproom, Cool Beans Sandwich and Coffee, Lee's Landing and D 'Lorenzo's Pizza & Grille!
- Fire Pits – Warm up between activities and enjoy the glow.

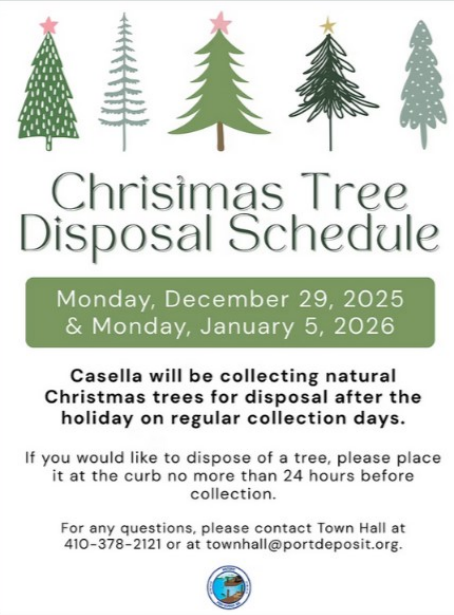
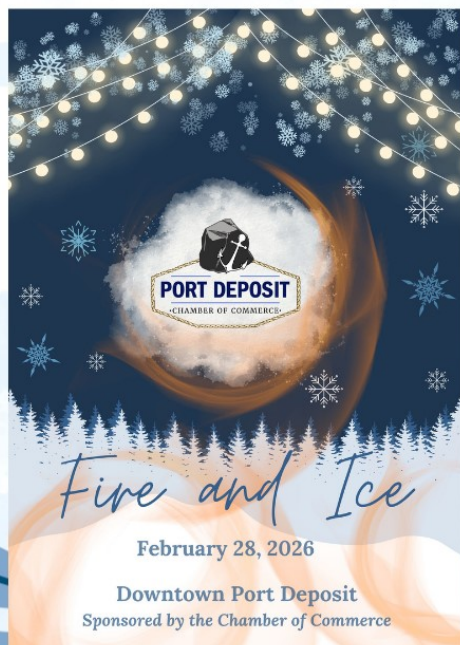
It's the Winter Party of the Year!

Bring your friends, bring your family, bring your coworkers this event has something for everyone. Whether you're here for the shopping, the music, the food, or just the vibe, Fire & Ice is the perfect way to celebrate winter in Port Deposit.

This event is hosted by the Port Deposit Chamber of Commerce and an official Winter Lights Cecil Nights Event by Cecil County Tourism

Public Notice

The Maryland Department of the Environment Water and Science Administration has scheduled an informational meeting on Wednesday, January 7, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cecil County Public Library, Perryville Branch, located at 500 Coudon Blvd, Perryville, to discuss AquaCon Maryland's request to modify its state discharge permit for a proposed land-based salmon rearing facility in Port Deposit. Check our website for more details.



Tree Lighting In Port Deposit

Our Holiday Tree Lighting was a wonderful and festive celebration! Families enjoyed the hot cocoa and s'mores bar from the Port Deposit Chamber of Commerce, and the artificial snow machine added a magical touch. The event also featured a fun Golf Cart Parade and an adorable Dog Costume Parade, but Santa's arrival on a fire truck to light the tree was the highlight of the evening, bringing excitement and joy to all.

Thank you to our supporters: PDCC, Water Witch Fire Company, Water Witch Ladies Auxiliary, Lee's Landing, and Granite Run, and to Bill Baron being our MC, Shawn & Angel Branch for making and hanging bows, and Jen Peterson (PDCC) for judging the decorating contests.

Port Postal Service Update

The United States Post Office in Port Deposit has changed their number. Their new phone number is 443-731-6040

The Town of Port Deposit is still looking for volunteers for:

- Board of Appeals (3 year term)
- Planning Commission
- Board of Supervisors of Election

Please call Town Hall for information for qualifications

January Fun Facts

by Kat Koenig

- Jan 5, 1894, Rowland Manufacturing (here in Port) that made dressed flooring, shut down their operations for the Winter.
- Jan 18, 1929, All Port Deposit granite quarries were commandeered by the U. S. Army.

Marina Park Revitalization Underway with \$750,000 TAP Grant

Big things are happening at Marina Park! The Town of Port Deposit is proud to announce progress on a \$750,000 Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant that is funding the creation of engineering plans for the long-term revitalization.

KCI Technologies Inc. is leading the engineering and design work, with Wood Valley Community Strategies serving as project manager. The planning effort includes revitalization of the retaining wall, upgrades to the fishing pier and boat launch, and improved vehicle circulation throughout the park. With these "shovel-ready" engineering plans in hand, the Town will be well-positioned to pursue additional funding and into phased construction to complete the improvements. "Marina Park has long been a centerpiece of Port Deposit's connection to the Susquehanna River, and this TAP Grant represents a major milestone for our community," said Mayor Tome, Jr. "These plans will help us restore and enhance the park, while positioning the Town to move forward with improvements that will be enjoyed for generations to come."



Upcoming Town Meetings

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

Town Council- 7pm start times

- January 6 & 20 • February 3 & 17
- March 3 & 17

Planning Commission- 6pm starts

- January 8 & 22
- February 12 & 26 • March 12 & 26

*PC meetings may be canceled if no applications