



NEWSLETTER



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Pirate Takeover another huge success for Town

With our third Port Deposit Pirate Takeover in the books, Community Connecting Us and the Town of Port Deposit, are pleased to have welcomed over 3,000 visitors to our town for this FREE family friendly event. This event is made possible by the hard work of numerous volunteers and the generosity of our sponsors: Bainbridge (MRP Industrial), Bainbridge Development Corporation, MTPM, Artesian, Precision Garage Door Service, Constellation, APGFCU, Acer Exhibits, Preston Automotive, Rock Springs Mechanical Services, Ike's Automotive & Marine, Lion Xpress, and Field of Screams. We are grateful for the participation of The Carriage House of Port Deposit and the Port Deposit Chamber helping us to extend the event from Marina park into the town itself. The pirates and mermaids will return Sept 20 and 21, 2025!



Port Deposit Annexation Petition from Rock Run Road LLC

Rock Run Road LLC has filed an annexation petition that could reshape the town's future. This petition seeks to incorporate approximately 44.9515 +/- acres off Old Schoolhouse Drive into the Port Deposit municipal boundaries. This land, if incorporated into the town, would be subject to Port Deposit's zoning laws, municipal services, and governance.

The land is consistent with the Port Deposit Municipal Growth Element of the comprehensive plan as a High Density Residential (RM) zoning district. The proposed residential development aligns with the town's vision for growth and expansion. The development would boost local employment, increase tax revenues, enhance economic vitality, and may lead to improvements in local infrastructure that would benefit exiting and future residents. The Port Deposit Town Council plays a crucial role in reviewing and deciding on the annexation petition.

Annexation Introduction: Annexation Resolution 06-2024, Resolution Exhibit 1- Annexation Petition from Rock Run Road LLC with Exhibits A – F, and Resolution Exhibit 2 – Annexation Agreement draft was introduced at the September 3, 2024 Council Meeting and referred to the Port Deposit Planning Commission for recommendation.

Council Meetings: The Council will review the PC recommendations for the annexation proposal and set the public hearing date on November 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Town Hall, 64 S. MainStreet.

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Upcoming Events

- October 22nd- Chamber Business Mixer at Pinky's Downtown (FREE EVENT)
- October 31- Trunk of Treat hosted by Waterwitch (6-8:30pm) Location TBD
- December 7th- Candlelight Tour- P.D. Heritage

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Tentative public hearing date on Annexation Resolution 06-2024 and related documents is January 7, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. and final consideration and vote is January 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. and both meetings will be held in Town Hall, 64 S. Main Street. **If the annexation is approved**, Port Deposit could undergo significant changes. As the community and town officials deliberate on the annexation proposal, it is essential to weigh the potential benefits against the concerns and challenges. The outcome of this petition will undoubtedly shape the future trajectory of Port Deposit, influencing its development, economy, and character for years to come.

Mayor's Message

In an effort to protect public safety and prevent the risks associated with uncontrolled fires, the Town of Port Deposit prohibits open fires for the burning of refuse, yard waste, garbage/household trash, construction materials and the like within town limits. Charcoal or gas grills and smokers should not be placed directly next to a building or structure. The restrictions apply to commercial and residential properties. Reference: Port Deposit Code, Section 5-15. The town urges all residents and businesses to dispose of waste materials through appropriate, regulated means, such as trash and recycling collection services or other alternative waste disposal options. For questions or more information contact Town Hall at 410.378.2121. Together, we can prevent fires and protect the well being of our town. Let's stay fire safe!

Town Holiday Event Seeking Sponsors

The town is seeking donations to help cover the costs of the various activities and amenities.

SPONSORSHIPS: GOLD: \$500 - \$1,000 **SILVER:** \$250 - \$499 **BRONZE:** up to \$249

In return for your generous sponsorship, we offer recognition in event promotion including flyers, social media posts and event signage, opportunity for an organization to set up a booth or display at the event and acknowledgement in public announcements during the event. The town would be thrilled to discuss sponsorship opportunities and any specific ways we can tailor the partnership to benefit both your organization and our community. Please feel free to contact Town Administrator Vicky Rinkerman at 410.378.2121 or vrinkerman@portdeposit.org.

Upcoming Annual Holiday Tree Lighting Event Details

December 6 from 6pm-8:30pm

@ South Main Street in Center Street

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Christmas Caroling

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Horse Drawn Carriage Rides by Fairwinds Farm
No reservations accepted for the carriage rides.

You must line up for the carriage rides at the loading and unloading area in front of the Post Office and the last carriage ride will be 7:45 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Decorate the Town Christmas Tree

6:30 p.m. Santa Claus arrives by the Water Witch Fire Engine

6:45 - 8:00 p.m. Visit with Santa Claus

Don't miss this opportunity to take your own photos with Santa

8:15 p.m. Storytime for The Night Before Christmas with Bill Baron

Upcoming Public Meetings

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Town Hall, 64 S. Main St.

Town Council- 7pm start times

- October 15
- November 5
- November 19
- December 3
- December 17

Planning Commission- 6pm start times

- October 10
 - October 24
 - November 14
 - November 21
 - December 12
- Meeting may be canceled if no applications

