



Town of Port Deposit QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2026



FLAMES, FROST & FESTIVITIES



February's **Fire & Ice Festival**, hosted by the Port Deposit Chamber of Commerce, was a strong success, drawing an estimated 2,500 people downtown.

The event featured **35 vendors, three food trucks**, live music by **October Oak**, an **Ice Princess**, photo opportunities, and **three larger igloos**, which were fully reserved within 15 minutes of opening. Feedback from visitors, vendors, and local businesses was **overwhelmingly positive**, and businesses reported record attendance and sales.

The event was also supported by **sold-out sponsorships** and many volunteers. The PDCC extends its thanks to all who attended, participated, and helped make the event a success.

SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2026
9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.

The Town will host **Spring Clean-Up Day** in the **Public Works parking lot** at **129 S. Main Street**.

This free event is for residents within Town limits and will include bulk item disposal, paper shredding for up to two boxes per household, and scrap metal disposal. No construction materials, hazardous waste, or yard waste.

Proof of residency is required.

TOWN NEWS BY EMAIL

The Town now offers the option to **sign up** for Town news and updates **directly to your email inbox**.

All subscribers will receive information on public meetings, community events, and the quarterly Town newsletter, while residents will also receive additional notices relevant within Town limits, such as road closures and service interruptions.

To sign up, visit www.portdeposit.org/newsletters and **complete the form** at the bottom of the page. Subscribers may unsubscribe at any time.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Cecil-Harford Chapter of the Maryland Municipal League is offering a **\$1,000 scholarship for 2026**. To be eligible, applicants must **submit a completed application**, official transcripts, two letters of recommendation, including one from a faculty member, and an essay on the importance or function of municipal government **by May 1, 2026**. The application is available at www.portdeposit.org, and submission instructions are included on the application.

TOWN NEWS & UPDATES

After one of the snowiest winters Port Deposit has seen in several years, the Town is looking forward to beautiful spring weather while continuing to focus on infrastructure maintenance, drainage improvements, traffic safety, and community services.

Several important projects are moving forward. The **Granite Avenue Bridge**, which was recently inspected, has been determined to require full replacement, but the Town is evaluating interim repairs while longer-term funding is pursued. Council rejected the initial **Rock Run Embankment Project** bid after costs came in significantly higher than expected and directed that the project be revised and re-advertised, while drainage work continues at **43 S. Main Street** and at **Granite Avenue and Race Street**. Longer-term work continues for the **Marina Park Revitalization Project**, which remains in the design phase, with funding and project timeline under review.

Safety and quality of life remain priorities. The Town continues working with partner agencies on **tractor-trailer traffic concerns**, including enforcement and improved signage, and the Sheriff's Office has reported continued patrol activity focused on speeding and truck-related violations.

Budget planning will soon be underway. The Town will soon begin discussions on the **FY 2027 budget**; meeting dates are to be determined and will be announced once scheduled.



The Town is strengthening services and communication in several ways. A summer agreement with Towson University will help keep the **Tome Visitor Center** open during June through August, giving visitors an opportunity to learn about the Town's **new official ambassadors**, Rhonda the Northern Map Turtle, Rocky the Rockfish (Striped Bass), and Eleanor the American Eel. Local volunteers are also being sought for the Visitor Center, with full details available on the Town's website. Also available on the website are **Council meeting summaries** to help residents stay informed, and a **full website rebuild** is scheduled to be completed in June, providing a better user experience and new ways to share information with residents.

Town news and updates are posted to the Town's website at www.portdeposit.org as they become available. For any questions, please contact Town Hall at 410-378-2121 or townhall@portdeposit.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4 - Community Egg Hunt, 11am

Hosted by Community Connecting Us at 99 N. Main St.

April 16 - Port Deposit Heritage's Annual General Meeting, 6:30 pm

Meeting to be held at 100 N. Main Street.

April 19 - Hazardous Waste Day, 7:30am-3pm

Cecil County Landfill, 758 E. Old Phila. Rd, see [website](#) for details.

April 25 - Spring Clean-Up Day, 9am-2pm

Hosted by the Town, see first page for details.

June 6 - Rockfish Tournament, 5:30am-5pm

Co-hosted by CCU and the Town at Marina Park.

June to October, 2nd Saturdays - Farmers Market, 10am-2pm

Hosted by PDCC, Downtown Port Deposit (Center & Main Streets)

TOWN HALL CLOSURES

April 3 - Good Friday

Trash collection not affected.

May 25 - Memorial Day

One-day trash collection delay.

UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS

Town Council - 7:00 p.m.

April 7 & 21 | May 5 & 19 | June 2 & 16

Planning Commission - 6:00 p.m.

March 26 | April 9 & 23

May 14 & 28 | June 11 & 25