

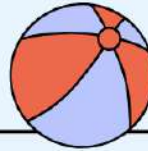
THE TOWN OF PORT DEPOSIT Summer 2024



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WHAT DOES THE 'X' MEAN?

FARMER'S MARKET AND CONCERT SERIES DEBUT TO HUGE SUCCESS

June 8th was a huge day for town of Port Deposit and the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is running these events all summer long (back page for more info) and June 8th were the opening dates. Vendors sold everything from spices, vegetables, freeze-dried candies, to even artisan breads. Many items even sold out before 11am! Following the Farmer's Market was the Summer Concert Series with Billy Pierce as the main performer.



Did You Know? The new red 'X's you may see on vacant buildings have a significant meaning for the safety of first responders. For their safety and as a precautionary measure, the symbols are installed on vacant buildings that have been inspected and deemed unsafe for first responders to enter, and to enter inside only if there are known persons trapped inside.

FYI- The 'X' does not show that the building is to be demolished. The safety hazards present in a building can be holes in the floor, missing fire escapes, missing or unsafe stairs, and open roofs among other potential safety hazards.



Town Announcements



PROPERTY TAX DECREASE

In the FY 2025 budget, Council unanimously approved a decrease in the property tax rate for residents from .542 to .511 per \$100 of assessed property value.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR CYCLICAL TAX SALE PROPERTIES

Mayor Tome signed an MOU with Cecil County to purchase 6 abandoned and neglected properties at a reduced negotiated cost on N. Main Street and Race Street. The Town identified 5 of the properties for demolition and new building construction as townhouse units 88, 90, 92, & 94 N. Main St and 34 Race Street and 1 property for repair and restoration at 41 N. Main St. The Town will seek a DHCD Strategic Demolition grant for the demolition cost.

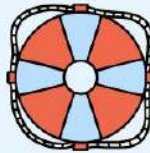
STORMWATER AND FLASH FLOOD MANAGEMENT STUDY FOR PORT DEPOSIT

The Army Corp of Engineers, Baltimore District Planning Division, released a preliminary watershed study of the Rock Run tributary and surrounding area to assess the impact on the Town of extreme precipitation events and proposed and ongoing watershed developments, and to develop flash flood and watershed-wide stormwater and flash flood risk management measures to reduce the risk of flooding. The final report will be available on the Town's website this month.

goto portdeposit.org or call Town Hall (410.378.2121) for more in depth info



Billy Pierce performing on June 8



18th Annual Rockfish Tournament continues to bring in great crowds



The Rockfish Tournament in Port Deposit completed its' 18th year. Like all fishing tournaments, the contestants were hoping for great weather and that is exactly what they got on June 1. Over 125 adults participated in this years tournament for the grand prize, and a bunch also signed up for calcuttas, which are side categories in which one can buy in and the winner gets the pot. Adults are not the only ones enjoying this annual event. This is a huge family event and the youth of adult competitors have their own division in which anyone under 16 can join and compete. The adult and youth winners brought in fish 5.6 and 4.8 pounds respectively. It should be noted that currently the Striped Bass population is being closely monitored and the Maryland regulations say your fish must be at least 19" and cannot exceed 24" in hopes of increasing their population.



First Place youth Catfish and Rockfish Winners posing with their winning catch

Save The Dates

- Farmer's Market (2nd Saturdays July to October)
- Summer Concert Series (July 13 & August 10)
- July 1-** Public release of the Port Deposit Heritage's new historic audio tour of town
- July 1-** A new fundraiser launch, run by "Hundred X". These are short surveys (<60 seconds) and for every survey completed, Port Deposit Heritage gets \$1.60!! PDH is giving away \$20 gift cards to any local business for anyone who completes all 75 surveys, or \$30 in free merchandise from the museum's shop! For every person who shares the survey to at least 10 people, they will be entered for a chance to win a \$60 gift card to anywhere local or for Amazon. Goto <https://www.facebook.com/PortDepositHeritage> July 1 or later for survey link

All Summer- CCU is partnering with Cecil County Public Schools to provide free lunches to anyone 18 and under on Mondays and Tuesdays from 11:30 to 12:30

-Third Annual Port Deposit Pirate Takeover Event, **September 21 and 22** in Marina Park! Lots of fun for the whole family....pirates, mermaids, entertainment, and vendors.



UPCOMING TOWN MEETINGS*

Town Council

July 2 & 16

August 6 & 20

September 3 & 17

Planning Commission

July 25

August 22

*All meetings begin at 7pm (Zoom or in Person)