

QUEENSTOWN NEWS

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MONITORING AND REPORTING VIOLATION: The Town is required by the Maryland Dept. of the Environment (MDE) to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Frequency of required tests varies depending on what the water is being tested for. During the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016, our water operator failed to complete testing for Nitrate. Therefore, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during that time. We believe that the water was safe, and continues to be safe; however because this test was missed, we are required by law to inform you of the violation. A formal letter, meeting the requirements of MDE, is enclosed with this newsletter. Feel free to contact our office with any questions.

WATER/SEWER DELINQUENCIES: Water and sewer accounts carrying a delinquency prior to January 1, 2017 will be advertised as delinquent in the March 10, 2017 edition of the Record Observer. Property owners – if you rent your property, and the bill is sent directly to your tenant and that tenant has not paid, YOU are responsible and your name will be advertised. Following advertisement as delinquent, customers with a past due balance will be advertised for tax sale beginning April 28, 2017, and will run for three consecutive weeks. Payment must be received no later than April 18, 2017 to avoid advertising for tax sale. Additional fees for legal and advertising will accrue at that time as well. The Tax Sale for non-payment of water/sewer and property taxes will be held on May 16, 2017 at the QA County Courthouse at 10:00 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ORDINANCE #17-01: The Town Commissioners will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Office on proposed Ordinance #17-01:
“An Ordinance of the Town Commissioners of Queenstown authorizing the issuance, upon the full faith and credit of the Town, of a general obligation installment bond in the principal amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000), under the authority of 19-30, et. Seq. of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume, as amended) (the “Enabling Act”) and Section 19-46 of the Charter of the Town, to be designated “The Town Commissioners of Queenstown General Obligation Bond (Wastewater Treatment Plant)” with such other designation as authorized by the Town; the net proceeds of the sale of the Bond will be used and applied for the public purpose of financing and refinancing the costs of construction of a wastewater treatment plant, together with the acquisition of all necessary property rights and equipment, together with any related construction, architectural, financial, fiscal, legal, design, planning and engineering expenses; prescribing the form and tenor of the Bond and terms and conditions for the issuance and sale of the Bond; providing for the levy and collection of any taxes necessary for the prompt payment of the maturing principal of and interest on the Bond and that the full faith and credit and taxing power of the Town be irrevocably and unconditionally pledged to the payment of the principal and interest on the Bond.” A copy of this Ordinance is available at the Town Office during normal business hours, or on our website at www.queenstown-md.com. All interested persons are invited to attend the public hearing and to comment upon the proposed ordinance.

HOME ENERGY-SAVING TIPS: Did you know that Delmarva Power, at no additional cost to your service, will have an energy professional assess your home’s energy use and install energy saving products and recommend energy saving improvements through their Quick Home Energy Check-Up Program? Their Lighting Program allows you to get instant discounts on your purchase of ENERGY STAR® certified lighting at participating retailers. You can earn rebates through their Appliance Rebate and HVAC Efficiency Programs. They will even pick up and recycle your old, **working** refrigerator or freezer, and pay you \$50! To get more information on these programs, and home energy saving tips, visit their website at www.delmarva.com and click on “My Home” at the bottom of their home page. Information on energy saving programs and tips is available for commercial users as well.

CALVARY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OYSTER SUPPER: Calvary’s Oyster Supper will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2017 from 3:00-6:00 p.m. at the Calvary Church Community Hall, Maryland Avenue, Queenstown. All you can eat ham, oysters, potato salad, green beans, beets, applesauce and rolls. There will be a bake table available. Cost is \$25 per adult and Carryout, and \$10 for children under 12.