

QUEENSTOWN NEWS

JULY 2023

COMMISSIONER'S UPDATES -

- Following a public hearing on June 21, the Commissioners passed Ordinance 23-03 titled: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF QUEENSTOWN ADOPTING A GENERAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024 AND ESTABLISHING A CONSTANT YIELD TAX RATE OF \$.2312 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED REAL PROPERTY VALUE, A TAX RATE OF \$.58 PER \$100 OF ALL ASSESSED COMMERCIAL OR BUSINESS PERSONAL PROPERTY, AND A TAX RATE OF \$2.00 PER \$100 OF ASSESSED PUBLIC UTILITIES; AND ALSO ADOPTING AN ENTERPRISE BUDGET FOR THE TOWN'S WATER AND SEWER OPERATIONS, WHICH INCLUDES AN INCREASE TO MONTHLY WATER AND SEWER CONSUMPTION RATES BY EIGHT PERCENT (8%)". A copy of the Ordinance is available at queenstown-md.com and is available for inspection and review at the Queenstown Town Office during normal business hours.
- To stay up to date, we welcome you to attend a Town Commissioners and/or Planning Commission meeting, or view meeting minutes posted on our website.

EVENTS IN TOWN -

- **SUMMER CONCERT SERIES** - The Summer Concert Series will continue with free concerts at the Queenstown Community Park in July and August. The July concert will be on Saturday, July 15th, 6-9pm with Pete Sanchez with special guest Devin Canfield. The August concert will be on Saturday, August 12th, 6-9pm with Randall Butler Music.
- **FOOD TRUCK NIGHTS** - The QVFD Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting Food Truck Nights in the Town Center on the third Friday of July and August from 4pm - 7pm each night. Come out and enjoy delicious food from multiple vendors with your friends and neighbors! We hope to see you there!
- **COURTHOUSE OPEN HOUSE** - The Queenstown Colonial Courthouse will be open on the first Saturday of each month through October from 10am to 4pm for all interested in exploring the historic structure.
- Have an upcoming event in Town you want to get the word out about? Have suggestions for events you'd like to see in Town? Let us know! Comments can be sent to townoffice@queenstown-md.com.

HYDRANT FLUSHING - The Town will be flushing hydrants and water lines on Thursday, July 13 and Friday, July 14 as a routine practice to remove scale build up and to ensure proper operation of the hydrants. During this process, you may experience discolored water entering your home. Please inspect your water before use and if discoloration is observed, allow your water fixtures to run until the discoloration disappears, usually about 5 minutes. Discolored water can possibly stain clothing during laundry cycles if the above precaution is not followed.

SEWER CLEANOUT CHECKS - We ask all residents to check the sewer cleanout lids on their property for any cracks or damage. If damage is found, repairs/replacement will be needed. Please contact the Town for assistance if you are unable to locate the cleanout on your property.

ANNUAL DRINKING WATER QUALITY REPORT - The Town's annual drinking water quality report is now available for review. A copy is included with this newsletter and is available on the Town's website.

W/S BILL LATE FEE - Effective July 1, 2023, the fee for late payments on water/sewer service accounts will increase from \$5 per past-due bill per month to \$10 per past-due bill per month. Please remember to pay balances due by the due date each month to avoid additional late fees.

TOWN OFFICE REPAIRS - Repairs to the Town Office have been mostly completed and the front entrance is now open to the public. Minor repairs including painting will be ongoing until completion.

STREET SAFETY - The speed limit on all local streets in town is now 15 mph. We ask that the posted speed limits be observed to help make our streets safer for all. Other recent improvements include speed bump installation on several Town streets and updated crosswalk markings on Main Street. Future improvements will include additional pavement markings and installation of speed awareness signs.

UPCOMING SCHEDULED REGULAR MEETINGS

Planning Commission:

Wednesday, July 5, 7 pm
Wednesday, August 2, 7 pm

Town Commissioners:

Tuesday, July 11, 4 pm
Wednesday, July 26, 6 pm

Dates subject to change.

More info at: www.queenstown-md.com/events-meetings/#meetings

UPCOMING SCHEDULED RECYCLE DAYS

Wednesday,	July	6
Wednesday,	July	19
Wednesday,	August	2
Wednesday,	August	16

Please follow collection guidelines.

More info at: www.queenstown-md.com/services/collection-services/

TOWN OFFICE & SERVICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Independence Day - July 4

Town Office will be closed Tuesday, July 4, for Independence Day. Recycling and Trash collection will each run one day late that week. Bulk collection will run on normal schedule.

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