

# TOWN MANAGER'S WEEKLY REPORT



## UPCOMING MEETINGS & EVENTS ...

- ✓ **Planning Commission Meeting:** No Meeting this month
- ✓ **Town Council Workshop – FY 2022 Budget:** Monday, April 26, 5:00 PM, Electronic Meeting
- ✓ **Town Council Meeting:** Wednesday, April 28, 7:00 PM, To Be Determined
- ✓ **Sussex County Association of Towns Steering Committee:** Friday, May 7, 9:00 AM, First State Community Action Agency
- ✓ **Municipal Election:** Saturday, May 8, Polls open 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM
- ✓ **Sussex County Association of Towns:** Cancelled until further notice
- ✓ **Delaware League of Local Governments:** Cancelled until further notice

## UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENTS ...

### **Finance**

- As of April 16, the Town has collected:
  - \$1,664,053 (99%) of the annual property tax billing (\$1,674,899)
  - \$41,125 (4%) of the April quarterly utility billing (\$939,176)
    - ✓ Collections still in alignment with prior quarters
- On April 5, the Town mailed the April quarterly utility billing (\$939,176) and April Take Note Newsletter (copy attached)
- Processed Payroll, Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable
- Provided Tax and Utility Information for property settlements and stamped deeds
- Assisted customer inquiries regarding April utility billing
- Attended the FY 2022 Budget Workshop (Kristen Dabrowski, Laura Givens, Olga Holm)
- Website Training for the “Employee Portal” (Kristen Dabrowski, Laura Givens, Olga Holm)
- Training Scheduled for Live Stream Equipment Training with Mid South Audio - April 26
- Real Estate Transfer Tax Summary (March 2021)

	March 2021		March 2020	
	Month	Year To Date	Month	Year To Date
Transfer Tax Revenue	\$26,486	\$241,876	\$22,411	\$322,747

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## **Construction Coordinator**

- Georgetown East Gateway:
  - Review and approval for change of water main material. (DIP to C-900)
- South Race Street Sidewalk Rehabilitation:
  - Site pre-construction meeting
- West Adams Street:
  - Project management
  - Inspection of concrete collars poured around manhole frame and covers (9)
  - Inspection of concrete valley gutter removal and replacement
- Miss Utility Locate Summary (copy attached)

## **Police**

- Weekly Code Enforcement statistics updated (copy attached)
- Weekly and Year to Date crime statistics (selected crimes) updated (copy attached)
- Part I, II, and III Offenses Crime Data (week and year to date) (copy attached)
- Departmental Press Releases issued as warranted

## **Planning**

- Projects:
  - 11 & 15 Layton Avenue – Lot Consolidation approved on April 12
  - 606 & 610 East Market Street – Lot Consolidation approved on April 15
- Predevelopment Meetings:
  - Route 113 – North of 1<sup>st</sup> State Chevrolet – Single Family & Townhome – April 26

## **Wastewater**

- Lagoon depths: Large Lagoon is 16.75 feet and Small Lagoon is 6.25 feet
- Pulled both pumps at Health Unit pump station – removed debris and reinstalled
- Pulled pump 1 at SCI pump station and sent to Hill's Electric for repair – replaced with spare pump
- Responded to sewer issue on South Bedford – jetted sewer line from Adam's alley back toward fire hall (found no blockage), advised owner they would need to contact a plumber

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## Public Works

- Roof work at SCI plant completed
- Grass cutting and weed spray application has started
- Backhoe rear tires replaced

## TOWN MANAGER'S UPDATE ...

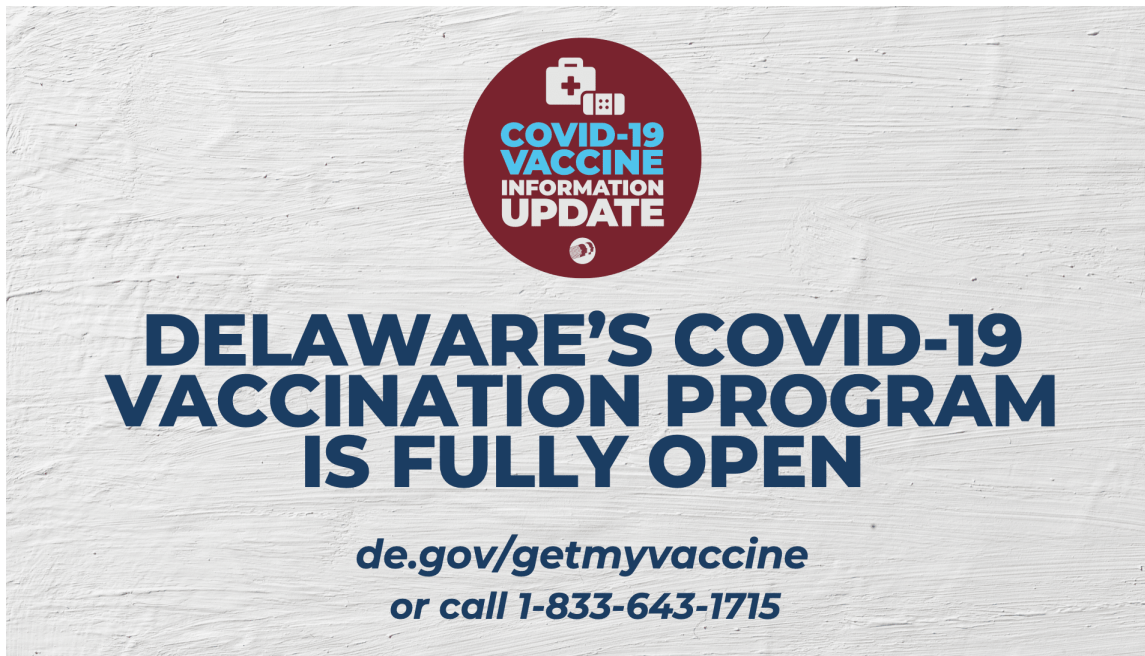
- Reviewed Draft Press Release and Credit Rating Report prior to issuance by Moody's
- Shared research on 'Flag Lot' Subdivision with Planning Staff and engineer
- Teleconference with Revelation Craft Brewing regarding outside agency approvals, permit reviews and building permit application (Jamie Craddock, Gene Dvornick, Jocelyn Huff)
- Finalized and presented FY 2022 Budget Workshop Presentation (copy attached)
- Provided FY 2020 Budget information and Adoption Resolution to Office of the State Treasurer as part of our American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 submission
- Participated in teleconference call with Governor Carney and Local Governments (Counties & Municipalities). Highlights:
  - ✓ Statewide upsurge is flattening
  - ✓ 7-day average had been below 200/day – trending around 300/day
  - ✓ Need to continue social distancing and mask wearing
  - ✓ 500,000 vaccinations given (~ 25% fully vaccinated)
  - ✓ Sussex County is leading the number of vaccinated individuals
  - ✓ Being vaccinated does not eliminate the need to continue wearing a mask
- Responded to local resident concern of trash in the median along US 113 (Dupont Boulevard)
- Attended Water Infrastructure Advisory Council Meeting
- Prepared Letter of Support for The Way Home – Project Honor
- Staff met with Troop 95 Scout to discuss an Eagle Scout Project (Butterfly Garden at North King Street Playground) (Kristen Dabrowski, Gene Dvornick, Olga Holm)
- Prepared Letter of Support for Beebe Health Care Mobile Health Clinic
- Drafted and sent out Press Release encouraging public review and comment on the Comprehensive Plan draft
- Spring 2021 Funding Round for Downtown Development Districts was announced – application deadline is June 17 at 4:00 PM
- Comprehensive Plan status:
  - ✓ Town Council Public Hearing held on April 14
  - ✓ Public Comment period open until April 30
  - ✓ OSPC – PLUS Meeting scheduled for April 28
- Responded to FOIA requests

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- Monthly Labor Review – March 2021 received (copy attached)
- Followed up on several code enforcement issues
- Weekly COVID-19 data

<u>Reporting Item</u>	<u>04/08/21 Last Week</u>	<u>04/15/21 This Week</u>	<u>Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Positive Cases	97,784	100,322	2,538	2.60%
New Castle County	57,358	59,049	1,691	2.95%
Kent County	16,086	16,572	486	3.02%
Sussex County	24,136	24,494	358	1.48%
Unknown	204	207	3	1.47%
Deaths	1,573	1,596	23	1.46%
Hospitalizations	154	145	(9)	-5.84%
Vaccinations	556,528	616,445	59,917	10.77%



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*In an effort to better inform Council, employees and the public about current Town activities and issues, the Town Manager issues the Town Manager's Weekly Report with highlights from department activities for the current week. The report is published online and distributed every Friday. If you have comments, questions or suggestions regarding the Town Manager's Weekly Report, please contact Town Manager.*

# Town of Georgetown Take Note



## **Important Phone Numbers:**

Town Hall: (302) 856-7391  
Fax: (302) 856-6348

Planning Department:  
(302) 853-0104

Public Works:  
(302) 856-6045

Sewer Department:  
(302) 856-7377

***Sewer Emergency***  
Cell: (302) 381-5642

Water Department:  
(302) 856-9529

***Water Emergency:***  
Cell: (302) 236-2647

Non-Emergency Police  
Dept. (302) 856-6613

Code Enforcement:  
(302) 448-5027

Fire, Ambulance, Police:  
911

GFL Environmental:  
Trash Service  
(302) 934-1364

Sussex County:  
(302) 855-7700

Georgetown State Service  
Center: (302) 856-5574

## **Town Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday  
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Visit us on the Town of Georgetown's Website located at [www.georgetowndel.com](http://www.georgetowndel.com)

Dear Georgetown Community,

We have now been locked down for one year due to various restrictions due to the ongoing COVID-19 Pandemic. Thank You for your individual commitment to help the businesses in town by supporting them through takeout dining, using curbside pick-up and posting experiences on social media. This is what a community does and will continue to do until we get back to normal. I am extremely proud to say we have not lost any businesses and we are continuing to have interest from new businesses looking to locate into our town as we are "well rounded."

One of the infrastructure projects we have been looking forward to is the Market Street and Bedford Street Water Main and Service Line Replacement Project. Work is anticipated to begin in early June and be completed in less than six months. The Council and I remain appreciative for your support of this project and the passing of the referendum to fund the project. Once this project is completed, street rehabilitation (resurfacing) should begin. Certainly, something residents and visitors alike have been asking for.

We are hopeful that direct allocation and appropriations from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 will provide federal financial resources to be used on water and sewer infrastructure projects. This would include upgrades to wastewater pumping stations (built in the 1930's) and possibly elevated water storage on the south side of town.

As there continues to be uncertainty with the timing of easing COVID restrictions, we are going to hold off on planning our 2021 Summer Concert Series. I do promise, as things start to return to normal, we will have some music to celebrate. It will be nice to see smiling faces, hearing jokes, and seeing people dance and having a good time.

Things we can do to make others feel welcome in our town:

- Smile and say hello,
- Be polite and hold a door for someone,
- Check on a neighbor to make sure they are okay and have food/air conditioning and heat, and
- Be welcoming to visitors from Sports at the Beach and Sandhill Fields.

We have three main attractions to this town, two sporting field complexes (baseball and soccer) and Georgetown Speedway. These attract thousands to our area, who spend their money supporting our businesses and restaurants. We are extremely thankful for this.

As a final reminder, be safe, respect one another and remember this Council works for everybody in this town. Until our next newsletter it is "see you later" not "goodbye"

*Bill West*

Mayor

# Town of Georgetown Take Note

## Meetings

### Town Council Meetings

Second & Fourth Wednesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m.

### Planning Commission Meetings

Third Wednesday of each month at 6:00 p.m.

### Board of Adjustment

First Wednesday of each month at 5:00 p.m.

Looking for information on what is happening in Georgetown?

Follow us on Twitter or Facebook in order to get current events and notices!



### Online Payments!

Please visit our website [www.georgetowndel.com](http://www.georgetowndel.com) to pay your water/sewer/trash, and taxes online. The Town does not accept phone payments.



### Questions or concerns?

Please feel free to contact Town Hall, (302) 856-7391 or email your local councilmember.

Mayor - Bill West  
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Ward 1 - Steve Hartstein  
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Ward 2 - Rebecca Johnson-Dennis  
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Ward 3 - Angela Townsend  
atownsend@georgetowndel.com

Ward 4 - Penuel Barrett  
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## SPRING Holiday Closings

### Good Friday

Friday, April 2, 2021

### Memorial Day

Monday, May 31, 2021

### Independence Day

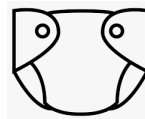
July 5, 2021

\*No change in trash service

## DO NOT FLUSH



Paper Towels



Disposable Diapers



Wipes



Cigarette Butts

“Disposable” does not mean it is safe to flush!

**Reminder** - Property Taxes will be mailed on May 3, 2021 and will be due by June 7, 2021. On June 8, 2021, penalties will be applied to all accounts that did not pay by the due date.

## The Town of Georgetown Municipal Election

Saturday, May 8, 2021

Located at Town Hall from 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Town Council Person for the First Ward and Town Council Person for the Second Ward will be considered during this election. Any qualified candidate interested in filing for these offices may do so at the Town Administrative Office. The filing deadline is Friday, April 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

### Guidelines for Candidates

- 1) The Town Councilperson from the First Ward shall be twenty-one (21) years of age, a citizen of the United States, the State of Delaware, a bona fide resident of the Town of Georgetown, and a bona fide resident of the First Ward.
- 2) The Town Councilperson from the Second Ward shall be twenty-one (21) years of age, a citizen of the United States, the State of Delaware, a bona fide resident of the Town of Georgetown, and a bona fide resident of the Second Ward.

### Terms of Office

Town Council terms of office shall be for a period of two (2) years

### Voter Registration

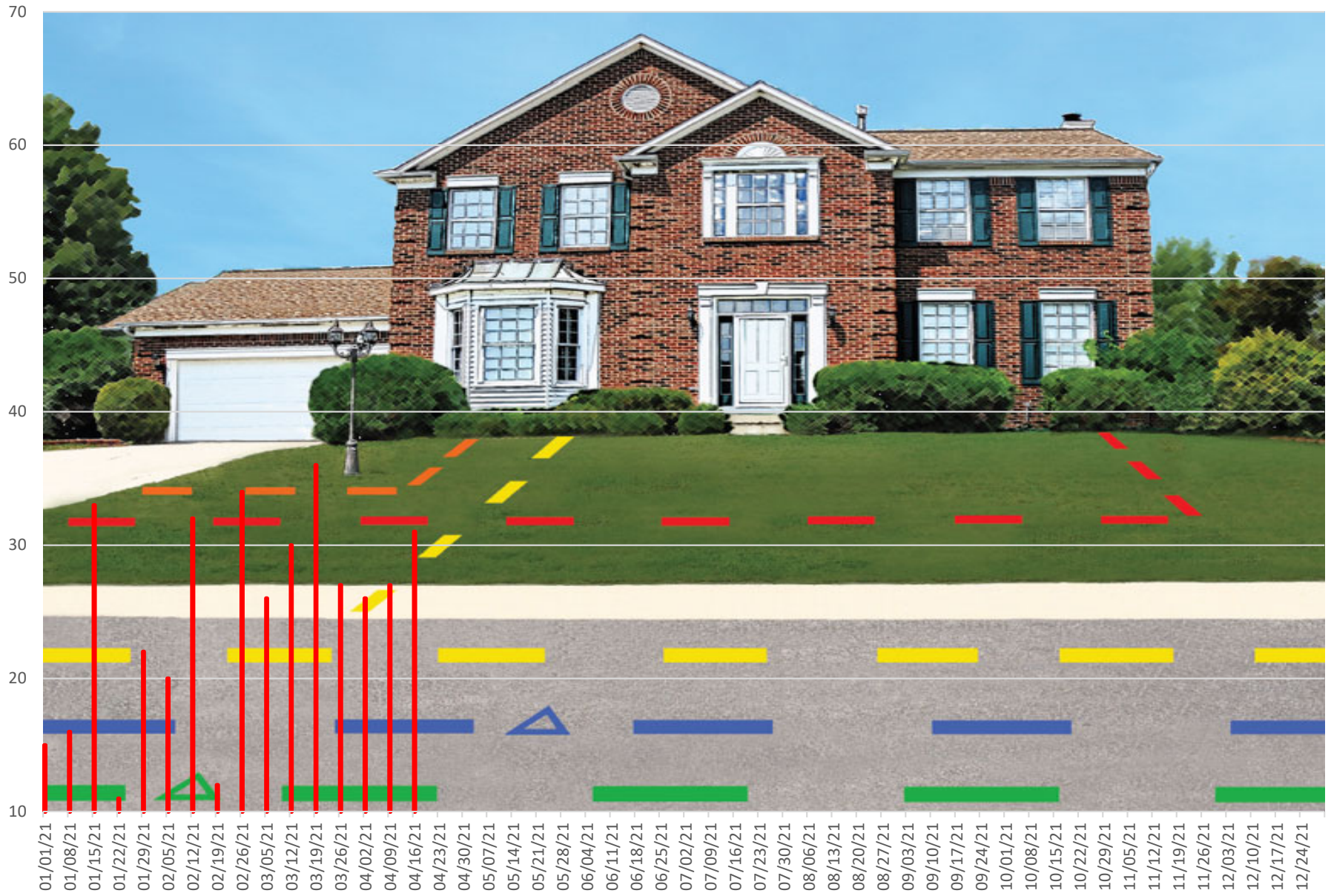
Register to vote before May 5, 2021 with the Sussex County Department of Elections: 119 North Race Street, Georgetown DE 19947 (302) 856-5367

### Absentee Voting

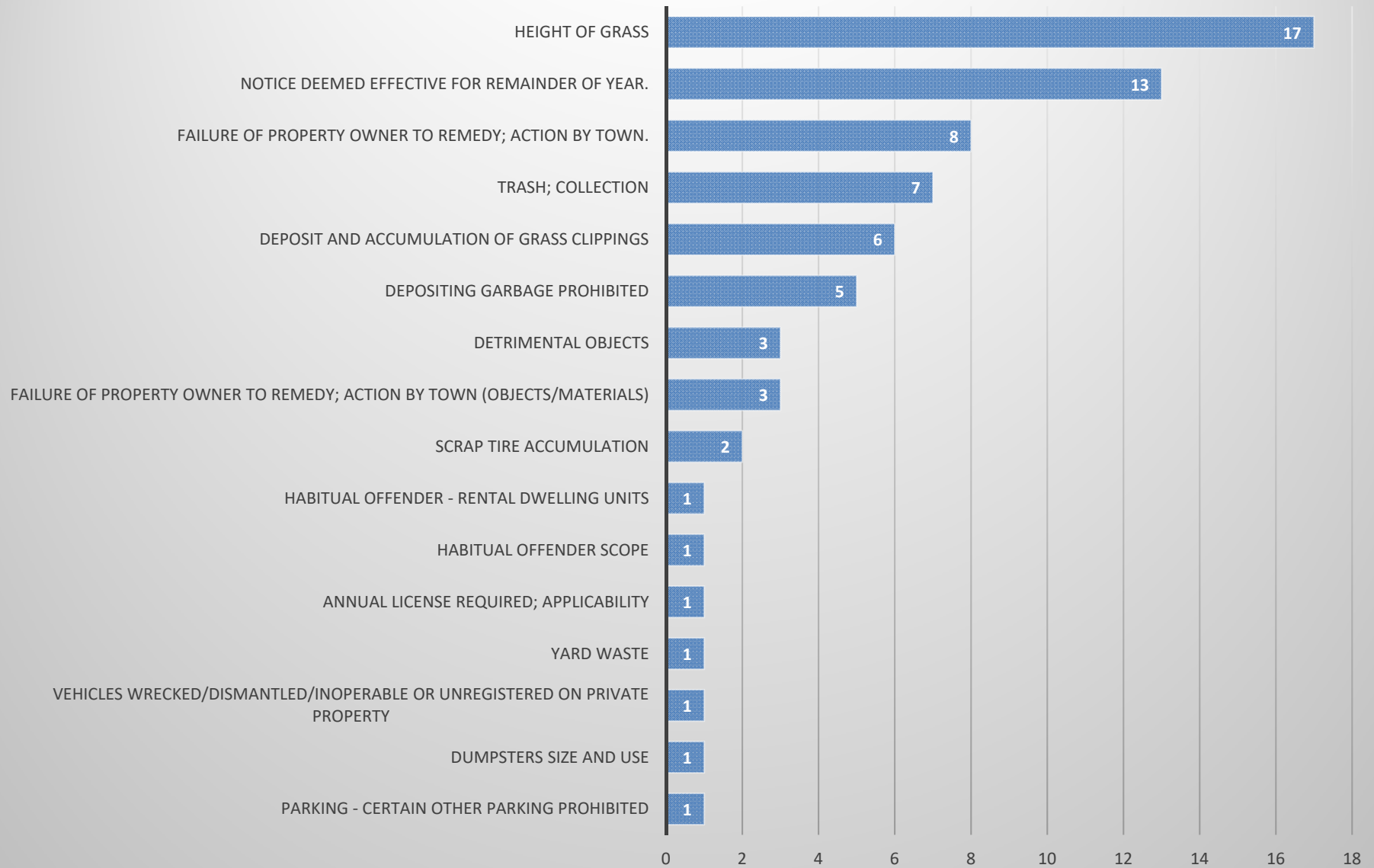
Any registered voter of the Town of Georgetown, who wishes to vote by absentee ballot, may do so by obtaining an “Affidavit for Absentee Voting” at the Town Administrative Office. The Affidavit will be available Friday, April 16, 2021. Once the completed Affidavit is received by the Town, an official absentee ballot can either be mailed or picked up at the Town Administrative Office. The deadline for voting by absentee ballot in person is Friday, May 7, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.



# Miss Utility Locate Tickets

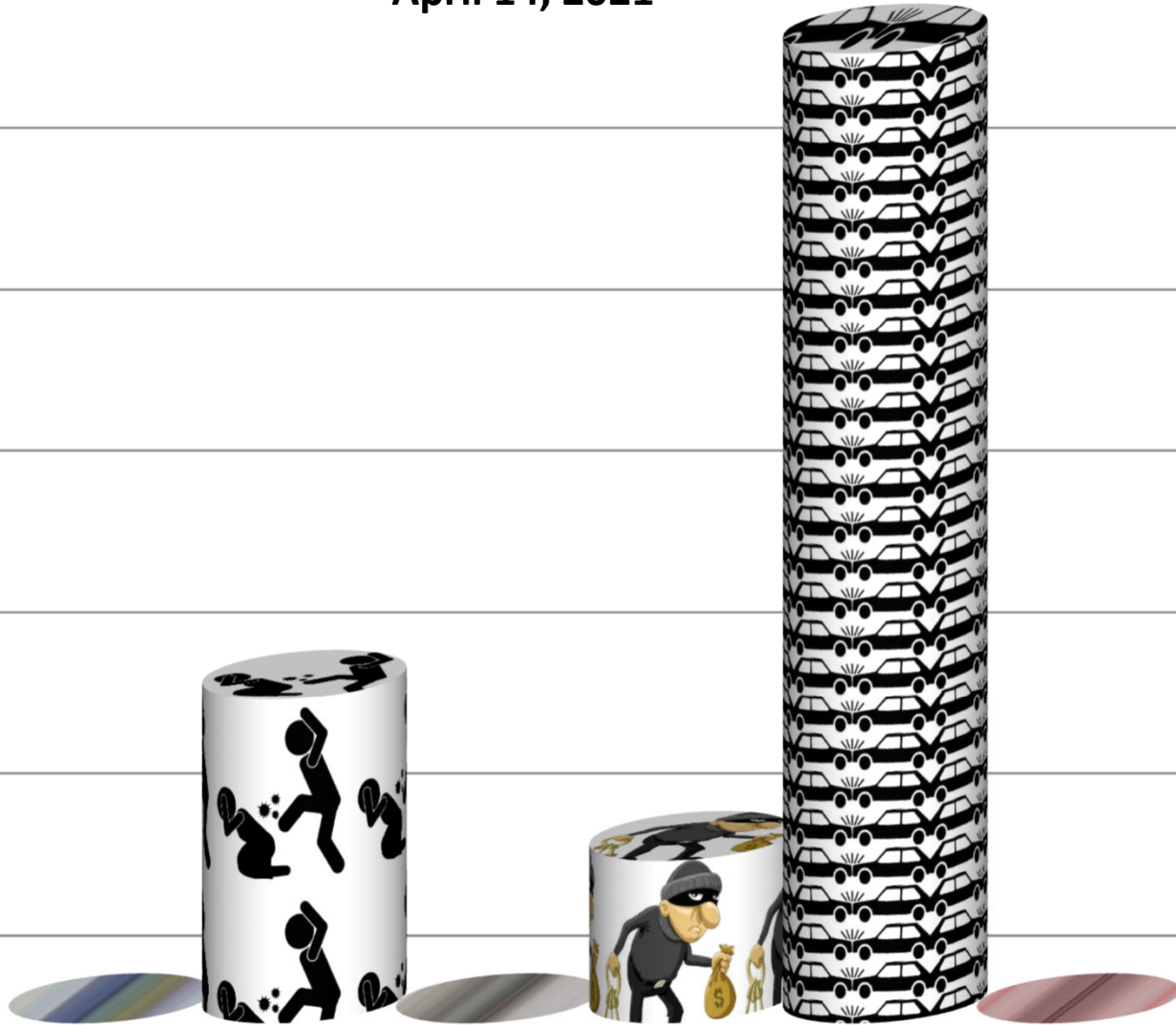


# Code Violations April 9 to April 15



April 14, 2021

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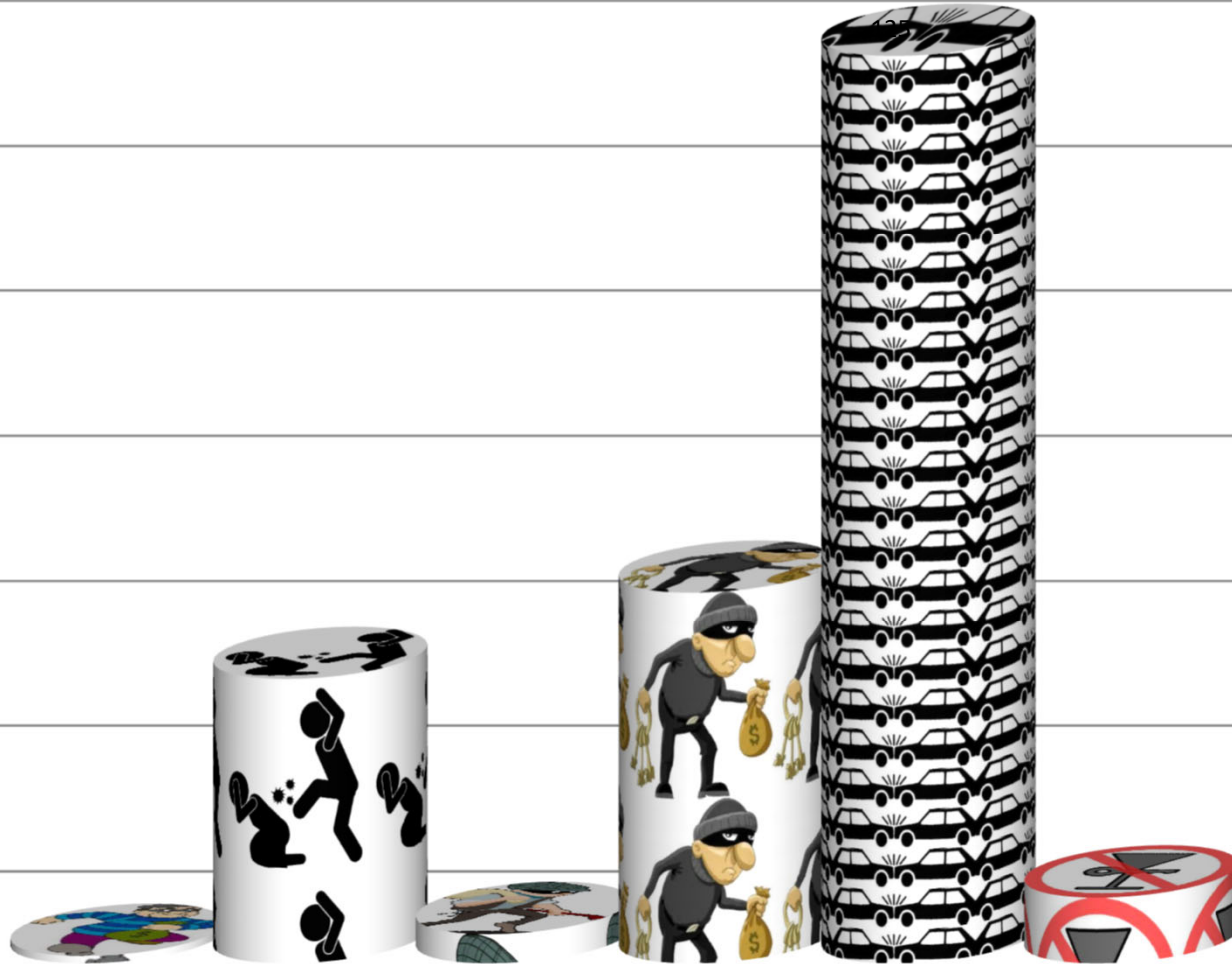


Weekly

\*Robbery \*Assault \*Buglary \*Thefts \*Collision \*DUI

April 14, 2021

140  
120  
100  
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60  
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Year to Date

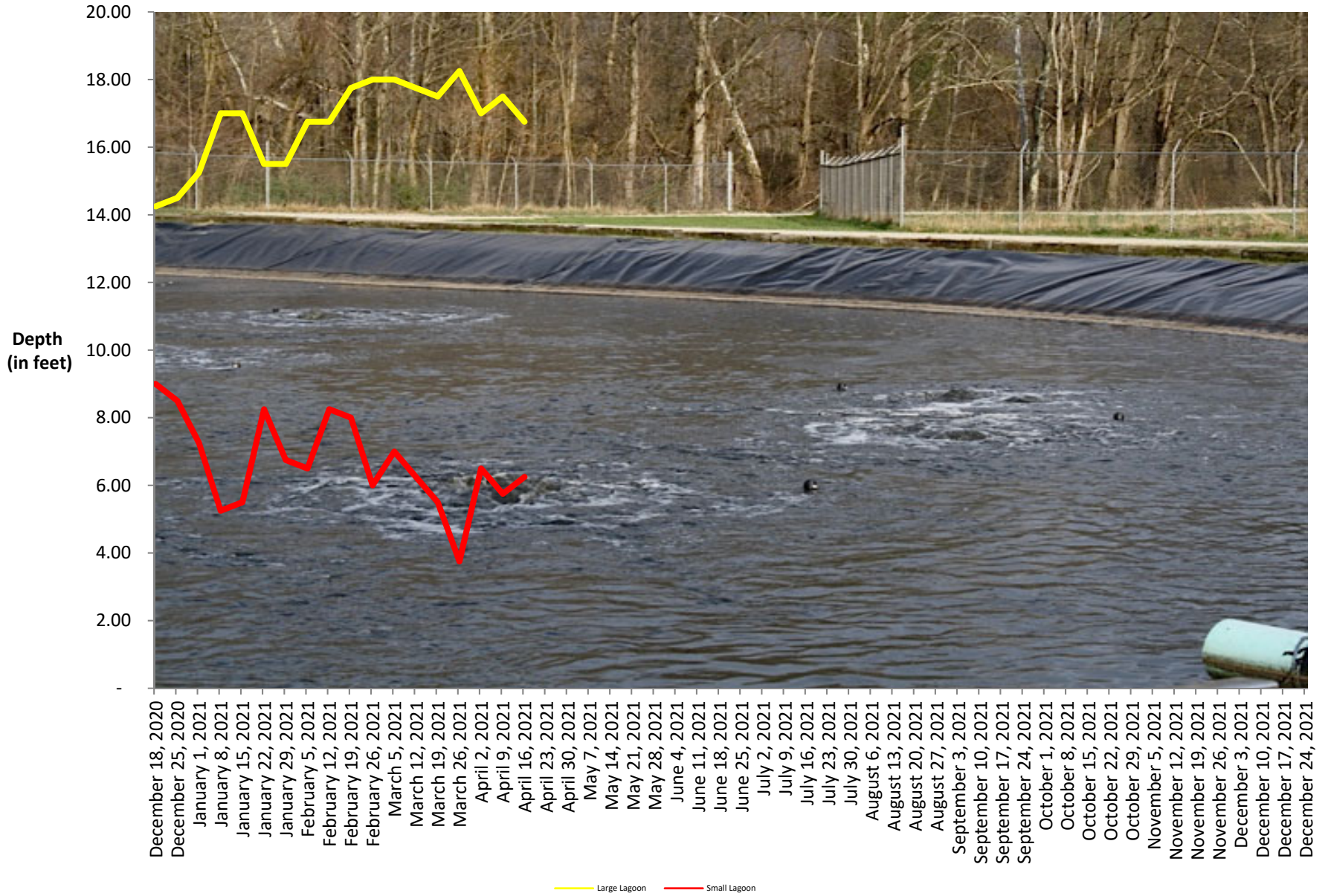
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# Georgetown Police Department Crime Data

## April 9, 2021 - April 15, 2021

<b>PART I OFFENSES</b>		Complaints		Arrest	
Offense_Order	Crime_Categ	Weekly	YTD	Weekly	YTD
A03	Kidnap	0	0	0	0
A04	Rape	0	2	0	1
A06	Robbery	0	1	0	1
A07	Assault/Aggravated	0	9	0	9
A08	Burglary	1	3	0	2
A09	Theft	1	44	0	24
A10	Theft/Auto	0	1	0	1
A12	All Other	0	5	0	2
<b>PART I OFFENSES</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>40</b>
<b>PART II OFFENSES</b>					
Offense_Order	Crime_Categ	Weekly	YTD	Weekly	YTD
A13	Other Assaults	2	42	2	35
A15	Criminal Mischief	1	14	1	12
A16	Weapons	0	8	1	8
A17	Other Sex Offenses	1	1	0	0
A19	Drugs	2	33	2	33
A20	Noise/Disorderly Premise	2	33	0	4
A21	Trespass	0	16	0	15
A22	Disorderly Conduct	0	34	0	30
A23	Other	18	475	9	182
<b>PART II OFFENSES</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>656</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>319</b>
<b>PART III OFFENSES</b>					
Offense_Order	Crime_Categ	Weekly	YTD	Weekly	YTD
A24	Alarm	3	86	0	0
A25	Animal Control	1	2	0	0
A26	Recovered Property	0	13	0	12
A27	Service	13	443	0	1
A28	Suspicious Per/Veh	4	101	0	1
<b>PART III OFFENSES</b>		<b>21</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Total</b>		<b>49</b>	<b>1366</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>373</b>

# WWTF Lagoon Depths



# Town of Georgetown

Budget Workshop  
Monday, April 12, 2021

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## Reminder

This is a workshop and no  
formal actions are to be taken.

Suggestions or action items identified  
during the workshop may require formal  
Town Council action at a properly noticed Regular  
Town Council Meeting.

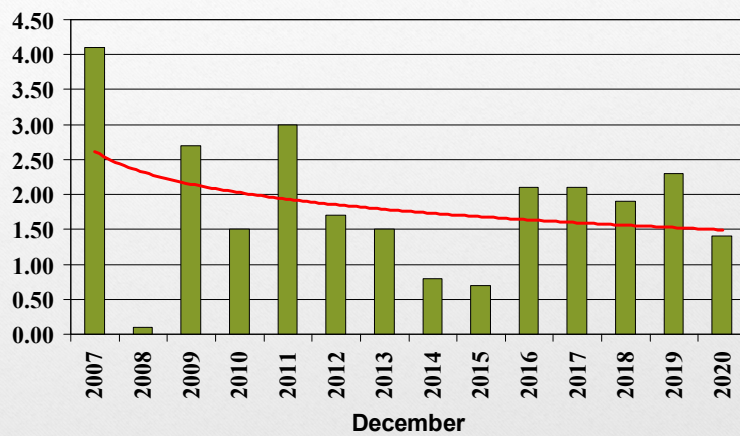
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## Agenda

- Current Economic Realities
- Impact on Town of Georgetown
- Building on Success
- Initial FY 2022 Budget
- Addressing the Deficit
- Considerations
- Next Steps

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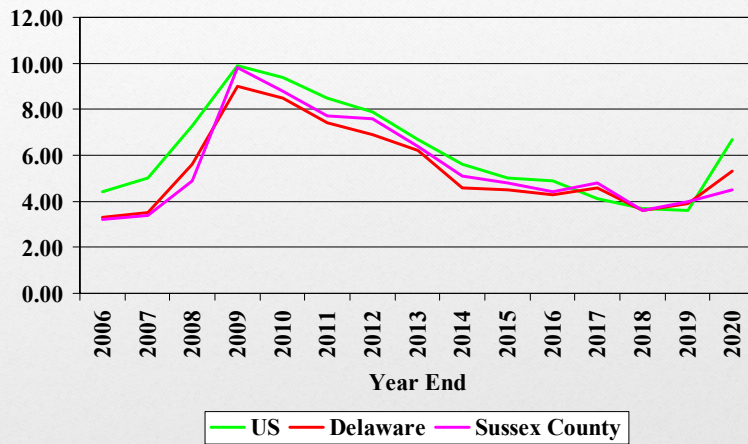
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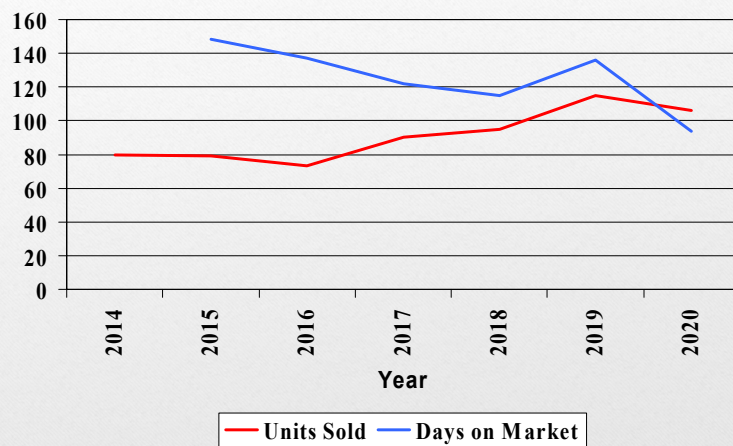


## Unemployment Rate



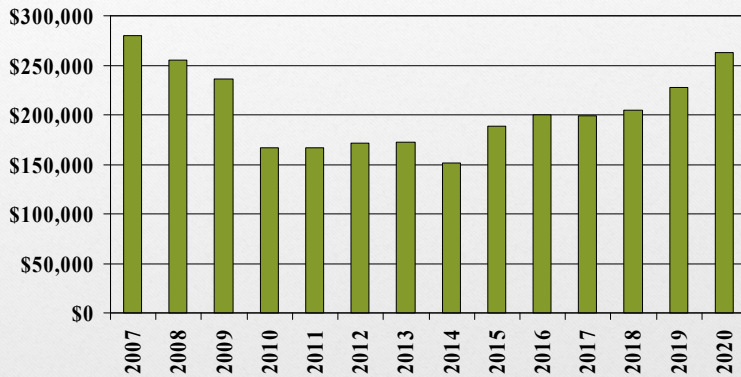
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## Housing Data (*SF Residential*)



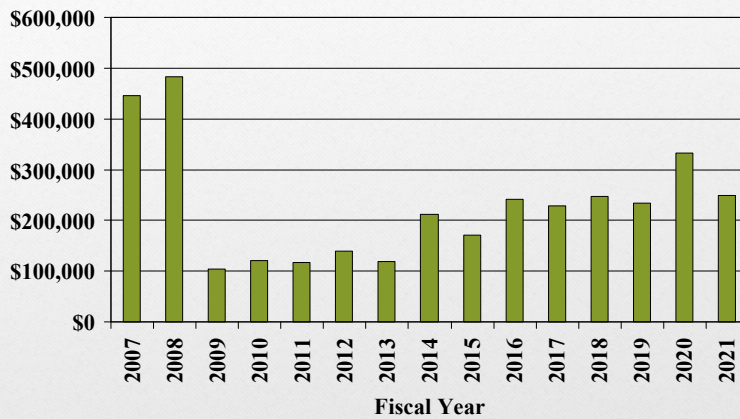
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## Median Home Sales Price



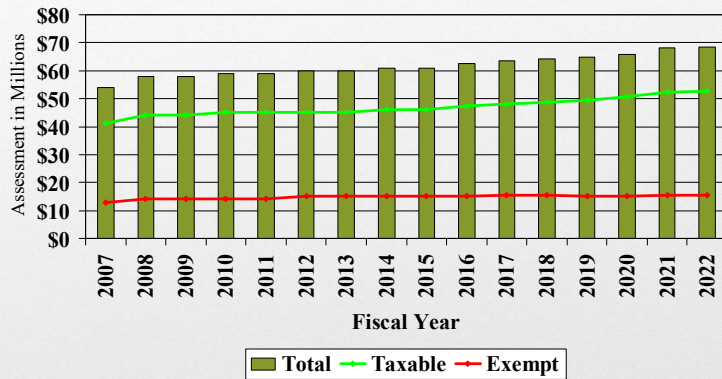
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## Realty Transfer Tax Collected



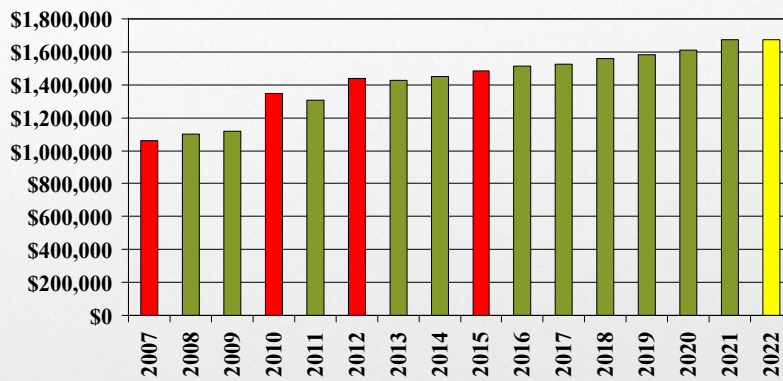
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## Property Assessments



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## Property Tax Billed



Tax Rate Increase History

2007: \$0.08 Cents

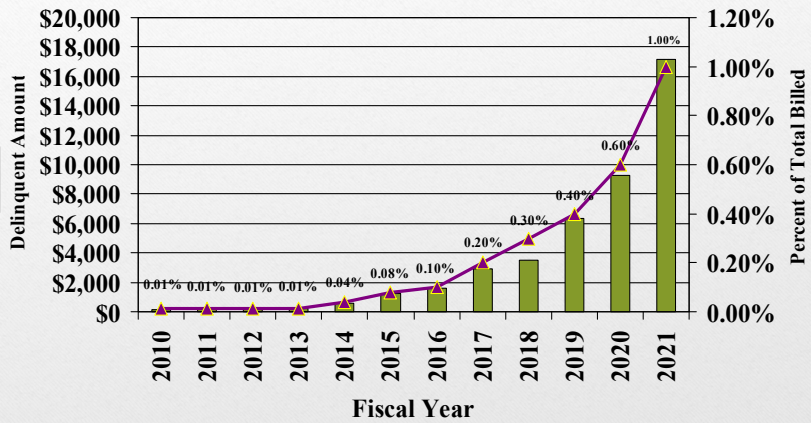
2010: \$0.40 Cents

2012: \$0.21 Cents

2015: \$0.03 Cents

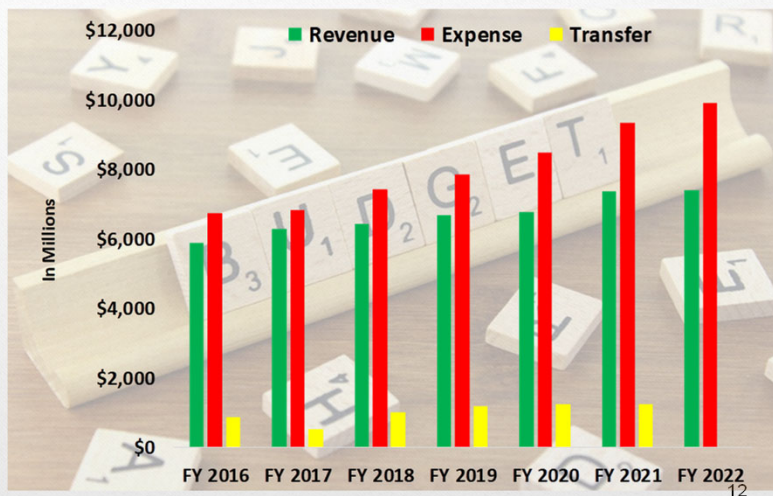
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## Delinquent Property Taxes



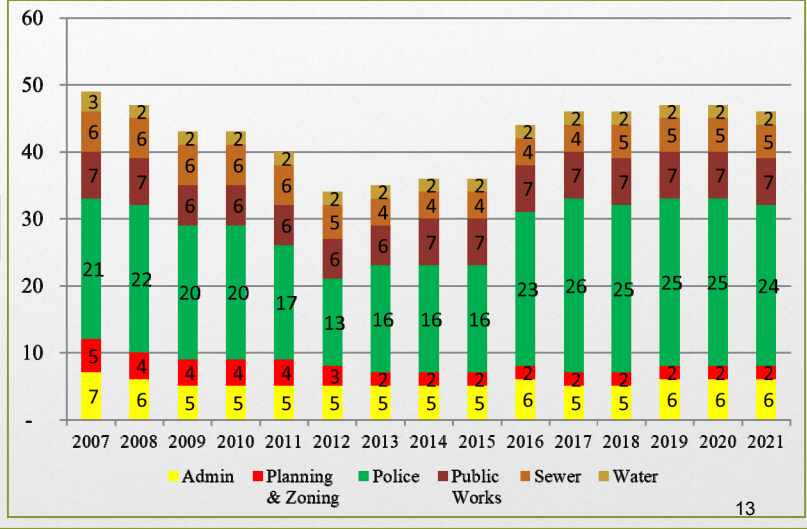
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## Budget History



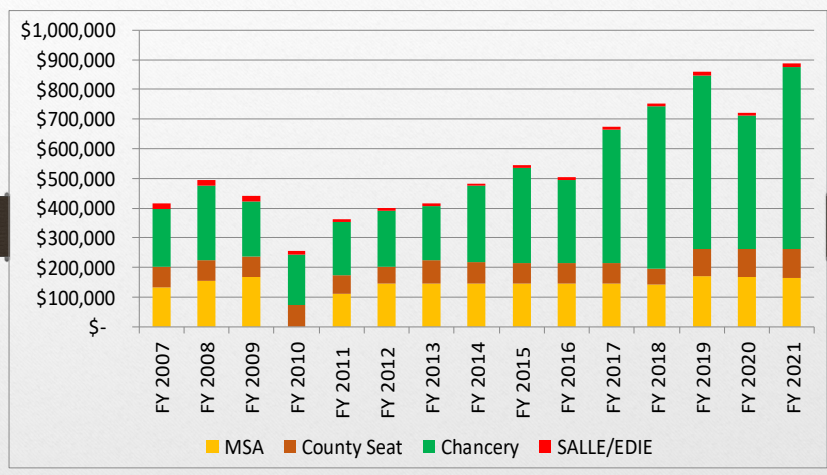
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## Staffing History



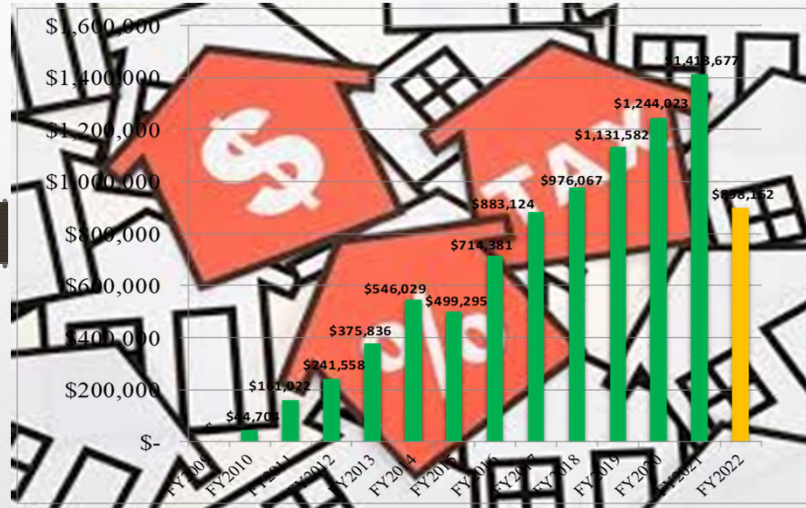
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## State Aid



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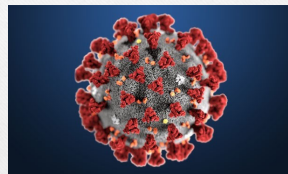
## Realty Transfer Cash Account



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## Coronavirus (COVID-19) Impact

- Revenues – Cash Flow Focus
  - Utility Receipts – tracking closely
  - Accommodations Tax
  - Realty Transfer Tax
  - State Support
  - Federal Support
- Expenses
  - Health and Safety (Sanitization) – As needed
- Unknown
  - Re-Opening Requirements – potential cost impacts



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## Building on Success

- Conservative Revenue Estimates
- Major Project Funding with 100% Principal Forgiveness and 1.3775% Interest Rate
  - Market & Bedford Street Water Main Project
    - Total Project Funding \$1,255,000
    - Additional Funding through RTT \$413,668
- Bond Refinancing
  - Savings of \$930,696 (estimated – subject to actual rate)
- Purchasing Card Rebate
  - Rebate to Date FY 21: \$3,350 (5% of Purchases)
  - Rebate Since Inception FY 08: \$59,477

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## Initial FY 2022 Budget

<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>	
General Fund Revenues	\$ 4,089,252
Water Revenues	\$ 1,363,500
Wastewater Revenues	\$ 2,058,500
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$ 7,511,252</b>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>	
General Fund Expenses	\$ 5,977,557
Water Fund Expenses	\$ 1,556,301
Wastewater Fund Expenses	\$ 2,366,969
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 9,900,827</b>
<b>PROJECTED SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ 2,389,575</b>

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## Significant Items

- Personnel Expense Increase
  - New Positions
    - Police Department - (3) New Hire
  - Additional % Increase Requests
    - Public Works
      - Additional 4% increase (1)
      - Additional 2% increase (2)
    - Administration
      - Additional 2% increase Cashier
      - Additional 2% increase Finance (3)
    - Planning Department
      - Additional 2% increase (2)
    - Wastewater
      - Additional 2% increase (5)

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## Proposed Capital Expenditures

- Public Works
  - Storm Sewer Pipe Lining/Repair (Franklin St) - \$127,000
  - New Pole Shed- \$320,000
  - Replace Street Sweeper
    - Purchase - \$270,000
    - Finance - \$293,447 (5 years, \$58,689.30 Annually)
  - Replace 2007 Truck \$22,000
- Water
  - Replace Utility Body Service Truck - \$70,000
  - Replace Water Meters (1/2)- \$55,053

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## Proposed Capital Expenditures

- Wastewater
  - New Tractor- \$27,000
  - Replace Water Meters (1/2)- \$55,053
- Police Department
  - Sally Port- \$65,000

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## Considerations

- Potential Legislative Impacts
  - Governor Carney's Proposed Budget
  - Realty Transfer Tax (HB 71)
    - 1% Decrease (return to 2017 level)
  - Legislation not yet Introduced
- IRSD Funding for Resource Officer
- Labor Union Negotiations
- Coronavirus – lingering effects

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## Town Indebtedness

- Total Debt: \$7,850,201
  - Water (13.36%)
    - Debt: \$754,105
    - Annual Principal Payment: \$468,970
    - Water Impact Account Balance: \$118,613
    - Debt Coverage: 3 months
  - Sewer (65.36%)
    - Debt: \$5,213,176
    - Annual Principal Payment: \$726,022
    - Sewer Impact Account Balance: \$1,433,203
    - Debt Coverage: 2 years
  - Town Hall (21.28%)
    - Balance: \$1,882,920
    - Annual Principal Payment \$43,643



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## Recent Events

- SB 83 – Payment for Tax Exempt Properties owned by the State (PILOT)
  - County Seats (Dover, Georgetown, Wilmington)
  - > 25,000 Population; > 20% Tax Exempt
- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021
  - \$3,856,423 Potential
  - Water, Sewer, Broadband Infrastructure
- One-Time Bond Bill
  - Infrastructure Items
- Moody's Bond Rating Upgrade
  - A2 to A1



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## Banking Summary

- **M & T Bank**
  - Drug Strike Force
  - SALLE
  - Health Care
  - Realty Transfer
  - Sewer & Water Impact
  - Payroll
  - Great Fund
  - Water & Sewer Depreciation
  - Operating Account
- **WSFS**
  - Police Savings Account
- **Fulton Bank**
  - Municipal Street Aid
  - Police Pension
  - Project Escrow Account
  - La Red Escrow
  - College Park Escrow
  - Reserve Account
- **County Bank**
  - Annexation
  - Fund to Combat Violent Crime
  - Equitable Sharing

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## Major Projects

- Continued Street Rehabilitation – North Race Street
  - Pepper Street to Douglas Street
  - Municipal Street Aid
  - Community Transportation Funds
- Stevenson Lane Pump Station Repairs
- Sewer Redirection & Water Connection
  - Leverage with Sussex County
- Service Line Replacements
  - Market & Bedford Streets
- DelDOT Projects
  - Gateway East Improvements
  - Arrow Safety Road – Phase I
  - Route 18/404 Grade Separated Intersection

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## Important Points to Remember

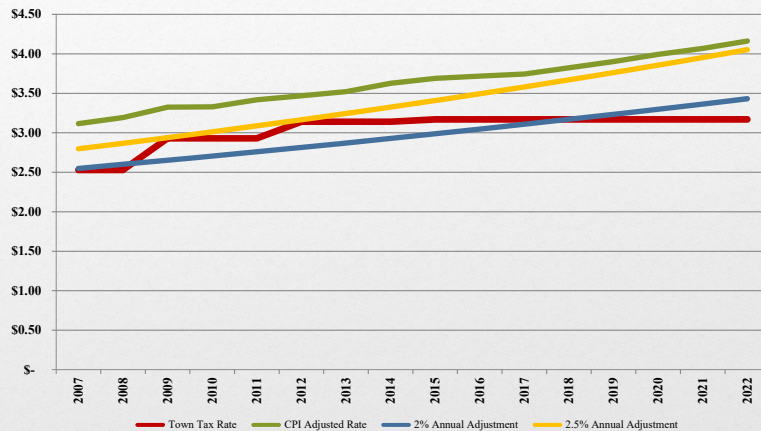
- Cash is King
  - Importance of building and maintaining reserves
  - Once borrowed, need to replenish doubles
- Deferral Cost More
  - Postponement of tax and rate increases generally results in larger, less palatable increases
  - Need for capital improvements is not decreasing
- Financial Issues
  - Operating Cost increase annually
    - Ability to manage to some degree
    - Some items outside our control
  - Debt Service is concern



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## Tax Rate Increase History

Tax Rate Increases: 2007, 2010, 2012, and 2015



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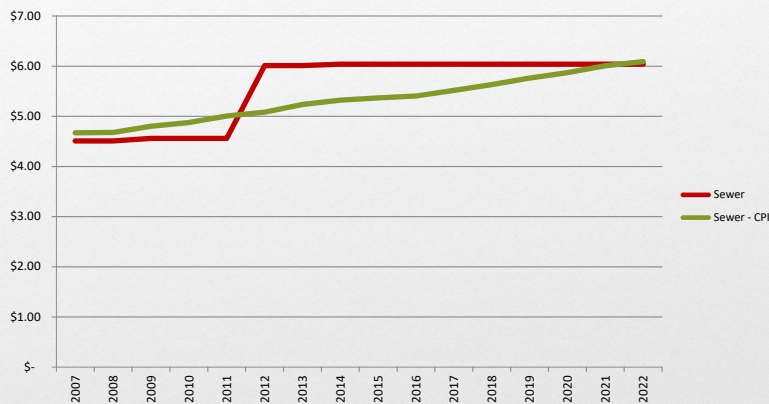
## Tax Rate Increase History

- Consider Annual Increase
  - Avoid Negative Press Impacts
  - Minimized Magnitude of Increase
- Easier for Residents to Adjust
  - Smaller incremental increases
- Eliminates “Catch Up” after two to three years of higher costs
- Every one cent increase, generates \$5,119 income

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## Sewer Rate Increase History

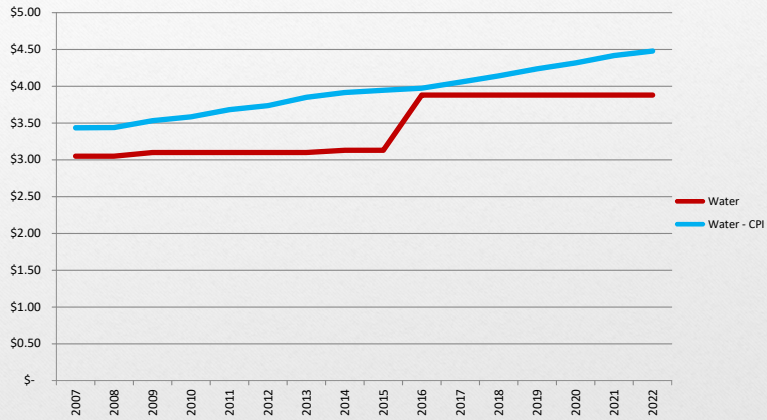
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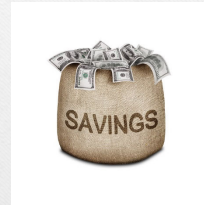
## Next Steps

- Review and Discuss Line Item Budget Detail
- Review, Discuss, and Agree on Items to Address the Deficit
  - Present and Adopt FY 2022 Budget at April 28 Meeting

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## Addressing the Deficit

- Eliminate 2% Spending Cap
  - Erodes ability to set aside funds for “Rainy Day”
  - Since inception – 1% in 2013
- Utilize Cash Balances
  - Maybe a one-time fix
  - Difficulty in replacing cash used
  - Impact on FY 2023 Budget
- Remove all New Positions
- Remove all Additional Step increases
- Other Ideas



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# Town of Georgetown

Budget Workshop  
Monday, April 12, 2021

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# Town of Georgetown Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 15, 2021  
Contact: Gene Dvornick  
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## **Town of Georgetown Welcomes Comprehensive Plan Draft Comments**

*Public encouraged to review draft plan*

Georgetown, DE — The Mayor and Town Council began their review of the Planning Commission's draft comprehensive plan update, following a Public Hearing held on Wednesday, April 14, 2021.

After a public input process and preparation of the draft plan, the Georgetown Planning Commission presented their recommended comprehensive plan update to the Mayor and Council at their April 14 meeting. A public comment period throughout April will allow the community to give further input on the document.

Georgetown's comprehensive plan sets a vision and goals for the future of the Town, with practical policies and actions to achieve those goals.

The plan is organized into various chapters covering topics such as community character, transportation, utilities, environment, open space and recreation, housing, historic resources, economic development, land use, housing, and growth.

The Planning Commission's draft comprehensive plan is based on feedback gathered through public outreach, non-profit interviews, and other meetings, as well as analysis and discussion by the Planning Commission and town staff. If adopted by the Mayor and Council, it will replace the town's previous 2010 comprehensive plan and many of its subsequent amendments.

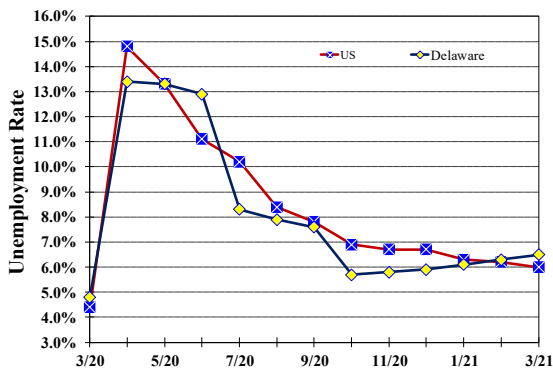
For more information, and to review the Planning Commission's draft comprehensive plan, visit [www.georgetowndel.com](http://www.georgetowndel.com). Anyone wishing to submit comments can Planning Administrator Jocelyn Huff at [jhuff@georgetowndel.com](mailto:jhuff@georgetowndel.com) or 302-856-7391.

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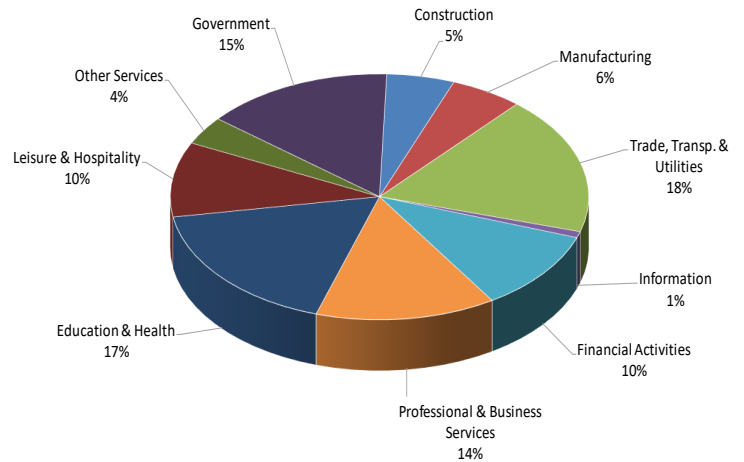
## Unemployment Rate

*Delaware and US*  
March 2020 - March 2021



## Percent Distribution of Delaware Nonfarm Employment

March 2021



## Delaware Civilian Labor Force

Delaware Residents

	Mar. 2021	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2020
Civilian Labor Force	489,400	488,800	481,300
Employed	457,800	457,800	458,200
Unemployed	31,600	31,000	23,100
Unemployment Rate %	6.5	6.3	4.8
US Unemployment Rate %	6.0	6.2	4.4

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Area Unemployment Rates (%)

	Mar. 2021	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2020
<b>New Castle County</b>	6.5	6.5	4.9
Wilmington	10.3	10.6	7.1
Newark	5.6	4.8	5.2
<b>Kent County</b>	7.5	7.5	5.8
Dover	10.3	10.4	8.0
<b>Sussex County</b>	6.4	6.5	5.7

Note: Area rates are not seasonally adjusted.

Source: Delaware Dept. of Labor in cooperation with the US Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Hours & Earnings

All Employee (Total Private)

	Mar. 2021	Feb. 2021	Mar. 2020
<b>Weekly Earnings</b>	\$952.22	\$937.28	\$911.83
<b>Weekly Hours</b>	32.7	32.0	32.3
<b>Hourly Earnings</b>	\$29.12	\$29.29	\$28.23

# Delaware Labor Force Trends

Delaware's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in March 2021 was 6.5%, up from 6.3% in February 2021. There were 31,600 unemployed Delawareans in March 2021 compared to 23,100 in March 2020. The US unemployment rate was 6.0% in March 2021, down from 6.2% in February 2021. In March 2020, the US unemployment rate was 4.4%, while Delaware's rate was 4.8%.

In March 2021, seasonally adjusted nonfarm employment was 445,200 up from 442,900 in February 2021. Since March 2020, Delaware's total nonfarm jobs have decreased by a net loss of 20,100, a decline of 4.4%. Nationally, jobs during that period also declined 4.4%.

## Delaware Nonfarm Employment

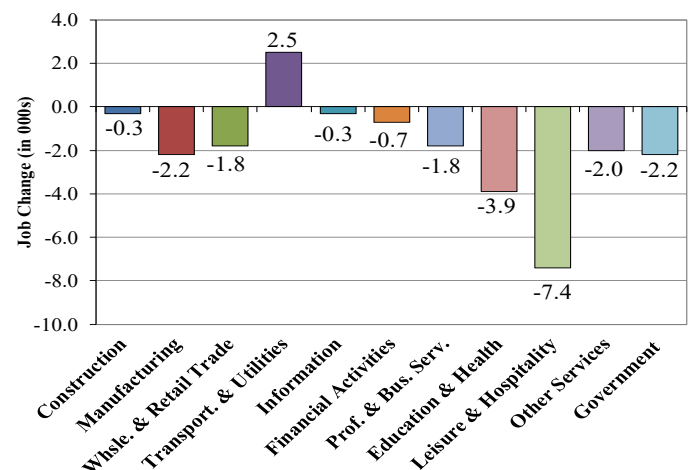
*Jobs at Delaware Locations*  
Seasonally Adjusted (in 000s)

INDUSTRY GROUP	Mar. 2021	Feb. 2021	Over the Month Change	Over the Year Change†
TOTAL NONAG. EMP.	445.2	442.9	2.3	-20.1
CONSTRUCTION	23.3	22.7	0.6	-0.3
MANUFACTURING	25.0	24.8	0.2	-2.2
Durable Goods	8.8	8.9	-0.1	-1.3
Nondurable Goods	16.2	15.9	0.3	-0.9
TRADE, TRANSP., & UTIL.	81.0	81.4	-0.4	0.7
Wholesale Trade	11.3	11.2	0.1	0.2
Retail Trade	48.9	49.0	-0.1	-2.0
Transp. & Utilities	20.8	21.2	-0.4	2.5
INFORMATION	3.6	3.6	0.0	-0.3
FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	47.0	46.8	0.2	-0.7
PROF. & BUS. SERVICES	62.0	61.5	0.5	-1.8
EDUCATION & HEALTH	77.7	76.8	0.9	-3.9
LEISURE & HOSPITALITY	43.9	43.4	0.5	-7.4
OTHER SERVICES	16.6	16.3	0.3	-2.0
GOVERNMENT	65.1	65.6	-0.5	-2.2
Federal Government	5.8	6.0	-0.2	0.0
State Government	32.0	32.3	-0.3	-1.1
Local Government	27.3	27.3	0.0	-1.1

† Annual changes are not seasonally adjusted.  
Details may not add up due to rounding and seasonal adjustment.  
Source: US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

## Delaware Over-the-Year Job Change

March 2020—March 2021



## Consumer Price Index

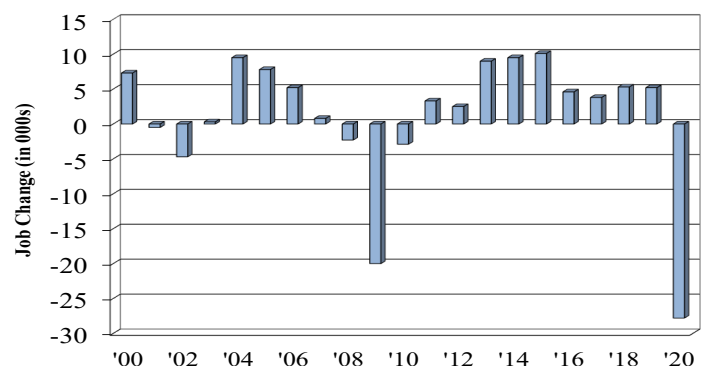
All Urban Consumers

	Percent Change to Mar. 2021 from:		
	Mar. 2020	Jan. 2021	Feb. 2021
<b>US City Average</b>	2.6	1.3	0.7
<b>Phila.-Camden-Wilm.*</b>	NA	NA	NA

\* Data are published on a bi-monthly basis.

## Delaware Annual Net Job Change

Annual Average 2000—2020



Office of Occupational and Labor Market Information

For data questions, contact Tom Dougherty (302) 761-8062

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