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# Town Newsletter

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Mayor Benson was a guest speaker at Bayview Elementary to discuss with 4th grade students the role of municipal government and a mayor, checks and balances, and other social studies topics!



## Planning & Zoning Department

### Comprehensive Plan

The Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee has completed the first draft of the North East 2040 Comprehensive Plan, which will now be forwarded to the State of Maryland and Cecil County for a 60-day review period.

### 2025 Annual Planning Report

The Planning Commission has accepted the 2025 Annual Planning Report, which will be forwarded to the Maryland Department of Planning.

### Zoning Ordinance Amendments

Proposed amendments to the North East Zoning Ordinance are currently under consideration. Public Hearings are scheduled for June 2026. The proposed ordinance can be viewed on the Town's website.



## Water Department

The Town's new online manganese analyzer equipment has arrived and is awaiting installation. This technology will help improve water quality by allowing staff to monitor conditions in real time and identify potential issues before they occur.



## Police Department

With warmer weather approaching, please remember not to leave children or animals unattended in vehicles.

Interested in getting your child involved with the Police Sports Club? For more information: Call 410-287-5996 or email [Hcustis@nepdnortheastmd.org](mailto:Hcustis@nepdnortheastmd.org).



## Finance Department

The next water bill is due July 31. Please plan accordingly.



## Maintenance Department

The Community Garden is in full swing! Visit the space on Water Street to learn more about the group and how you can get involved.

**Reminder:** Bulk pickup takes place every third Monday of the month. Please call 410-287-5801 to schedule your item pickup.



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**NEW OPPORTUNITY!**

GRANTS MAY COVER UP TO **85%** OF ELIGIBLE PROJECT COSTS

## COMMERCIAL FAÇADE IMPROVEMENT GRANT PROGRAM

Enhancing the look. Strengthening our community.

- EXTERIOR PAINTING
- MASONRY REPAIR
- ARCHITECTURAL IMPROVEMENTS
- WINDOWS & DOORS
- AWNINGS & SIGNAGE
- EXTERIOR LIGHTING
- & MORE!

APPLICATIONS DUE BY: **JULY 10, 2026**

**\$50,000 IN GRANT FUNDING AVAILABLE**  
Applicants must provide a minimum 15% match toward the total project cost. Higher financial contributions may be considered more competitive.

PROPERTIES MUST BE LOCATED WITHIN THE TOWN'S SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES AREA

[CLICK THE LINK TO LEARN MORE AND DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION!](#)



Stay connected with what's happening around town: visit [NorthEastMD.org](http://NorthEastMD.org) to explore upcoming community events.

## This Month in North East History...

**May 1981** – Mr. Curtis Bowe appeared before the Board to present a proposal for the installation of two volleyball courts at North East Community Park. Mr. Bowe proposed constructing two sand volleyball courts using volunteer labor, with the Town assuming the cost of materials.

The materials would include sand, a plastic underlayment, nets, and hardware. Mr. Bowe estimated the cost at \$2,000.

The Board agreed to consider the proposal and to contact Mr. Bowe once a decision had been reached.