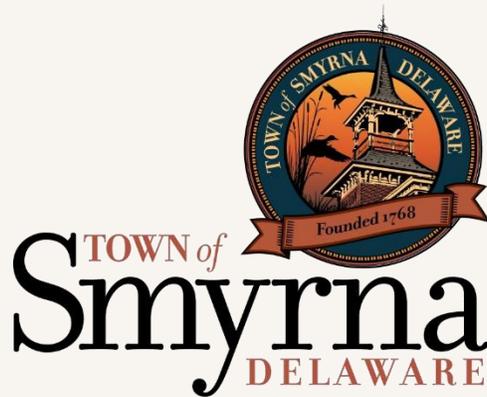


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### HOLIDAY ONLINE SHOPPING

**TIP #1:**  
**CHECK YOUR DEVICES**

Before making any online purchases, make sure the device you're using to shop online is up-to-date. Next, take a look at your accounts and ask, do they each have strong passwords? And even better, if two-factor authentication is available, are you using it?

**1** **Protect your devices** by keeping the software up-to-date. These include items like mobile phones, computers, and tablets, but also appliances, electronics, and children's toys.

**2** Once you've purchased an internet-connected device, **change the default password** and use **different and complex passwords** for each one. Consider using a password manager to help.

**3** **Check the device privacy and security settings** to make sure you understand how your information will be used and stored. Also make sure you're not sharing more information than you want or need to provide.

**4** **Enable automatic software updates** where applicable, as running the latest version of software helps ensure the manufacturers are still supporting it and providing the latest patches for vulnerabilities.

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**The Smyrna/Clayton July 4th Foundation, Inc.** is having a "Reverse Christmas Parade" this year. The parade will be on Sunday, December 6th at 5 PM. If you are interested in being in the parade you may begin showing up at 3:30 PM but must be in line and ready to be viewed by the public at 4:45 PM. You must enter the line up area using the entrance to the Clayton side parking lot by the tennis courts.

Rules for parade participants/groups:

You must stay with your group and cannot wonder around before or during the parade.

You must follow Social distancing procedures while in the line up and parade area ie; everyone must wear a mask, social distance when possible, groups must provide hand sanitizer to the people in their group upon request.

You are not permitted to hand out any items or approach any vehicles of anyone passing by in the parade.

Rules for public passing through the parade area:

You are not permitted to have any interaction with groups or participants in the parade.

You cannot hand anything out to anyone in the parade.

You are not required to wear a mask if your family members are the ones in your vehicle.

You are not permitted to stop during the parade for any reason like pictures etc.

When you leave the SHS parking lot on the Smyrna side of the building you must turn right at go towards N. Main St you will not be allowed to go towards Clayton.

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**ONLY SHOP THROUGH TRUSTED SOURCES**

**HOLIDAY ONLINE SAFETY**

**TIP #2:**

## ONLY SHOP THROUGH TRUSTED SOURCES

Think about how you're searching online. Are you searching from home, on public Wi-Fi? How are you finding the deals? Are you clicking on links in emails? Going to trusted vendors? Clicking on ads on webpages? You wouldn't go into a store with boarded up windows and without signage, the same rules apply online. If it looks suspicious, something's probably not right.



**Before providing any personal or financial information, make sure that you are interacting with a reputable, established vendor.**

Some attackers may try to trick you by creating malicious websites that appear to be legitimate. Always verify the legitimacy before supplying any information. If you've never heard of it before, check twice before handing over your information.

**Don't connect to unsecure public Wi-Fi**, especially to do your banking or shopping.

Most of us receive emails from retailers about special offers during the holidays. **Cyber criminals will often send phishing emails**—designed to look like they're from retailers—that have malicious links or that ask for you to input your personal or financial information.

**Don't click links or download attachments** unless you're confident of where they came from. If you're unsure if an email is legitimate, type the URL of the retailer or other company into your web browser as opposed to clicking the link.

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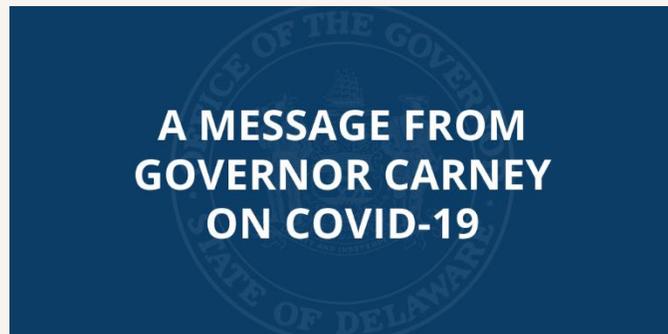
**Make sure your information is being encrypted.** Many sites use secure sockets layer (SSL) to encrypt information. Indicators that your information will be encrypted include a URL that begins with "https:" instead of "http:" and a padlock icon. If the padlock is closed, the information is encrypted.

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- Starting Monday, December 14, those schools should transition to remote learning for the final week or so until the holiday break.
- Remote learning should continue until Friday, January 8.
- On Monday, January 11, schools should return to their in-person hybrid instruction.
- Sports practices may continue, provided social distancing and masking guidelines are followed, but no competitions will be permitted until January 11 at the earliest.



We are also implementing a Household Stay-at-Home Advisory from December 14 to January 11. We're asking Delawareans to avoid gathering indoors with anyone outside their household.

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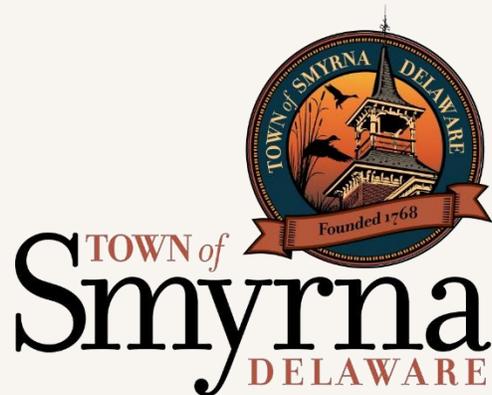
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2. Library staff will notify you when materials are available for pick up.
3. Items may be picked up by appointment **ONLY**. An appointment for a pickup time and parking spot will be scheduled with you, when you are notified of your materials arrival.
4. Arrive at your assigned time at the library's back parking lot and follow the Curbside Pick-Up signs. Once parked, contact the library and let them know your name and your parking spot number. Remain in your vehicle with the trunk open.

#### Pick-Up Hours

Monday - Friday 10 am to 5:45 pm

Saturday 10:30 am to 1:30 pm



**Smyrna**  
Public Library

As of 12/14/2020

**USE SAFE METHODS FOR PURCHASES**

HOLIDAY ONLINE SAFETY

**TIP #3:**  
**USE SAFE METHODS FOR PURCHASES**

If you're going to make that purchase, what information are you handing over? Before providing personal or financial information, check the website's privacy policy. Make sure you understand how your information will be stored and used.



-  If you can, use a credit card as opposed to a debit card. There are laws to limit your liability for fraudulent credit card charges, but you may not have the same level of protection for your debit cards. Additionally, because a debit card draws money directly from your bank account, unauthorized charges could leave you with insufficient funds to pay other bills.
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-  If you believe your personal or financial information has been stolen, report it right away to your local police and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). There's information on the FTC website: <https://www.ftc.gov/identitytheft.gov/>, about how to report.
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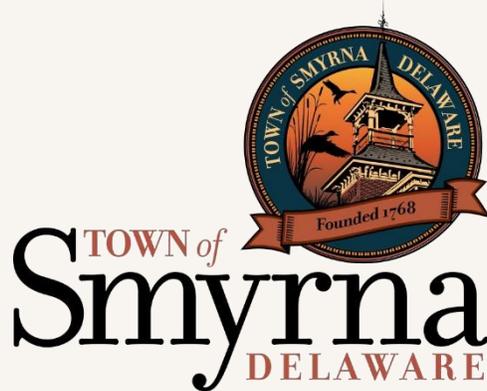
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## Tuesday Town Tidbits

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Town offices will be closed on Thursday, December 24th and Friday, December 25th in observance of Christmas.

No yard waste pick-up on Thursday and Friday.

The Smyrna Public Library will be closed Thursday, December 24th – Saturday, December 26th and will reopen curbside on Monday, December 28th.

### HOLIDAY COLLECTION CHANGES



Due to the holiday on December 25th, all Friday collections customers will be delayed one day to Saturday.

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FOR DELAWARE'S

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**DECEMBER 24, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M.**  
Ring a bell from your doorstep to celebrate our frontline health care workers

#RinginBellsDE



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## KEEP IT SMALL. KEEP IT SAFE.

COVID-19 does not tell the difference between cultures or faiths. Whether you and your neighbors celebrate Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, or any other holiday, the very best way to honor your holiday and protect your loved ones is to stay home and stay safe — and when in public, wear a mask, practice social distancing, and wash or sanitize your hands frequently. Thank you for joining the Town of Smyrna in taking the lead to keep people, families, and communities throughout Delaware safe this holiday.

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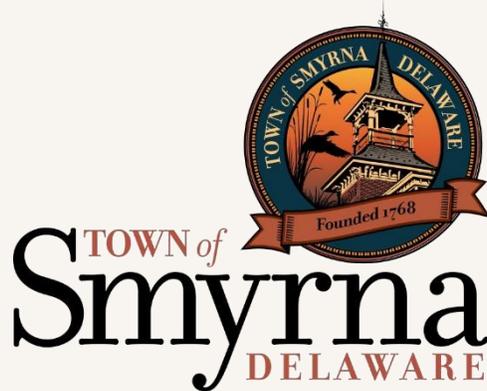
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