

# Governor's Weekly Message: Providing New Access to Information that Impacts the Lives of Delaware Families

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Wilmington, DE – In his weekly message, Governor Markell celebrates the launch of Delaware's Open Data Portal, an interactive website that provides new access to public information that impacts the lives of Delawareans and their families. The site reflects his administration's commitment to creating higher levels of openness and transparency in state government and empowers members of the public, researchers, and others to use this information to recommend solutions to the challenges we face and create new applications that will benefit our communities.

"To be effective, government must be transparent," Governor Markell said. "Government can't expect, and shouldn't try to anticipate, all of the uses of open data. Instead, we are shifting our focus – instead of trying to anticipate the demand from the public and businesses, we are committing to make as much data as possible available to the public. And we actively encourage the private sector to work with the data we're posting to help us solve challenge issues. In addition, I'm proud that we're relaunching a revamped [state checkbook](#), which is searchable, sortable, and interactive. By providing more information through interactive formats we'll improve public trust in our government and engage new stakeholders to meet our challenges through better public policy. Please visit [data.delaware.gov](http://data.delaware.gov) to check it out. And together, we will keep Delaware moving forward."

Every week, the Governor's office releases a new Weekly Message in video, audio, and transcript form. The message is available on:

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