



## A Publication of News and Events

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### CLOSURES

Jan. 2nd –New Years

Jan. 16th–Martin Luther King Jr.

After hours water/sewer emergency contact 410-476-7462

### OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur  
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fri 8 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Credit card payments accepted  
Notary, Copy & Fax service  
available for small fee.

Council Meeting  
Wed. Jan. 4 @ 6:45 pm  
**Special Council Meeting**  
Thur. Jan 19 @ 7 pm  
Planning Commission  
Wed. Jan. 18 @ 7pm



**Town Meetings and Planning Commission Meetings are open to the public.** Citizens are encouraged to attend to be informed and give input. Meeting agendas are posted outside Town Hall every Friday, and items are added as requested (which can be as late as Wednesday morning) and re-posted with each change. An early agenda is posted on the Town website, but may not always include the latest changes. Stop by the Town Hall on Wednesday evenings and learn first-hand about the many happenings in our town. For more information, call the Town Clerk at 410.443-0087.

•Town Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm

•Planning Commission Meetings are held at least quarterly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at 7 pm Public Hearings, Public Workshops, Special Appeals Hearings, etc. are scheduled as needed. Check the website for updates [www.trappemd.net](http://www.trappemd.net) or on FACEBOOK.



You are invited to attend a very important public information session on **Thursday, January 19, 2017** at 7 pm at Town Hall to learn about the Town's financial state and the reasons behind the decisions that the Town Council will be making in the near future regarding

water and sewer rates, real property taxes and infrastructure projects. Along with the Town Council, also in attendance will be the Town's Attorney, the Town's Financial Auditor and the Town's Engineer to answer any questions. If you are unable to attend there will be an informational packet available in Town Hall after the meeting; please contact Town Hall at 410-443-0087 or [clerk@trappemd.net](mailto:clerk@trappemd.net) to request a copy.

A public hearing will be held on January 4, 2017 on Ordinance 14-2016 that was introduced on December 7th. This ordinance, if adopted, allows the keeping of no more than 4 chickens but not roosters or crowing hens, in residential districts by special exception with certain requirements for lot size, setbacks & containment. The ordinance also regulates the keeping of farm and exotic animals. The hearing will begin at 6:45 p.m. The full ordinance is available on line or in the town office or by emailing the Town Clerk, [Clerk@trappemd.net](mailto:Clerk@trappemd.net)





Trappe Volunteer Fire Company  
 410-476-3535 Non-emergency  
 President Ben Diefenderfer  
 Chief Nick Newman

**SOUP DAY**

**Monday, January 9th @ 4 pm**

A donation of \$6.00 gets you:

A cup of homemade soup, ham biscuit and dessert  
 Eat in or Take home.

To pre-order call Lou Diefenderfer  
 410-924-1764

Outdoor burn reminder-Town Code limits burning to after 4 p.m. and before dark. Contact Talbot Emergency Services 410-822-0095 **first** to avoid a false alarm call, or fine.

**POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER**



When snow is in the forecast please don't park on the street-snowplows need lots of room to clear the roads for everyone.

For Police services, except an emergency, call the 24 hour dispatch number, 410-476-5005. In an **EMERGENCY, ALL 9-1-1**. For confidentiality call me 410-829-0613. As always if you see something say something-don't wait till the next day, or the week-end is over. See it now-report it now!

Thanks, George Ball, Chief



Photo courtesy of Christine Routzahn

Thank you Easton Utilities! Once again Easton Utilities, and staff put up the Christmas light decorations on the electric poles for the town. The Town has neither the equipment nor the budget for this task, and we are very appreciative of the help.



The Trappe Community Outreach Team sponsored a visit by Santa at Veterans Park on Saturday, December 17th. The weather was a bit dicey but those children that did venture out got a very personal visit with the big guy. Special thanks to "Santa" and Flo Adams (above) for arranging the event.

**Calendar**

- Jan. 4th 6:45 pm Council public hearing followed by regular business meeting.
- Jan. 16th Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday
- Jan. 18th 7:00 pm Planning Commission meeting.
- Jan. 19th 7:00 pm Special Town Meeting -state of the town.



**Even if they say "flushable," disposable wipes will clog pipes**

**Prevent costly backups and place wipes in trash**

**BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS**

Looking for reading material? Don't forget the FREE Little Library in front of the town office on Powell Street; or check out the selection for a modest fee at "Martha's Closet" at Trappe UM Church. Books for all ages at both.