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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. August 2nd 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission
Tue. August 15th 7:00 p.m.

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 3rd Tuesday 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 or on FACEBOOK.

USDA BOND SAVINGS

The Town Council is happy to announce that on August 2nd they will finalize the bond refinance documents for the Town's current loans through USDA. The Town currently has 3 loans with USDA that were taken out when the Town was under a state mandate to upgrade the wastewater treatment plant. As of August 2nd the combined payoff for the 3 current loans is \$2,842,349.31. Due to the bond refinance the Town is able to save a total of \$346,064.00 over the remaining life of the loans

COUNCIL NEWS

On July 5th the Council held a regular business meeting and appointed Yvonne Bartolomeo to the Planning Commission. The decision was made not to endorse an optional utility service line warranty program for homeowner sewers. On July 10th a brief special meeting was held to confirm Attorney Brynja Booth as the town's legal counsel. This was a requirement of the bond structure, and this was the only item before the Council at this special meeting. The next regular meeting is Wednesday, August 2nd. At this time there are no action items on this agenda. Check the website for updates.

CALENDAR

August 2nd	Town Council Meeting	7 p.m.
August 5th	Trappe Volunteer Fire Dept. Chicken BBQ	10:30 a.m.
August 15th	Planning Commission Meeting	7 p.m.
September 4th	Labor Day—Town office closed	
September 5th	School Opens for Students-WMES student supply list available at town office now.	





POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

As you may already be aware Chief Ball was suspended by the Town Council on June 29th due to a complaint that was filed against him with the Maryland State Police. Due to the fact that the investigation is still ongoing and that this is a personnel matter, the Council is not at liberty to discuss this any further at this time. In the interim the Town's police needs are being handled by the Talbot County Sheriff's Office and the Maryland State Police. To reach the Talbot County Sheriff's department for a non-emergency please call **410-476-5005** and to reach the Maryland State Police for a non-emergency please call **410-822-3101**. In case of emergency please call **911**.

We appreciate the Town resident's patience and understanding as the Council works through this situation.



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

Chicken BBQ time! Saturday, August 5th



10:30 a.m. or thereabout
At the Barber Rd light

**Benefit for the Trappe Volunteer
Fire Company**

THE HEROES PROJECT
PROJECT
PURPLE
initiative

TALBOT

GOES PURPLE



Tidewater

The Town of Trappe is participating in Talbot County Sheriff Joe Gamble's **Turn Talbot Purple** campaign. Look for ways for you and your business to participate. Coming soon will be banners posted in each community to raise awareness of the Opioid Crisis. Need more information?

talbotgoespurple@gmail.com or contact the Town Administrator, Erin Braband, Clerk@trappemd.net Stop by the town office for a FREE magnet.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Several volunteer openings still exist on some town boards/committees. Don't sit on the sidelines—sign up to serve your community and be the change you want to see.

Openings exist for alternates on the Board of Appeals, Ethics Committee and Elections Board.

Submit a letter of interest to the Town Administrator, Erin Braband, Clerk@trappemd.net or stop by the town office. Letters of interest are welcome until positions are filled by Council appointment.

We've been made aware of concerns about the park water fountains. It is costly to repair drinking fountains that are continually damaged. Please report any damage ASAP & if you see something—say something!

SALE

Hot Deals!
August 11, 12, 13
Studio Closing
FINAL SALE

Local paintings & art books for sale.

Cynthia G. Miles

The Painting Room

4156 Main Street, Trappe

410-829-2297 or cgmiles65@gmail.com

WATER RATES

REMINDER-The water/sewer bills received this month will reflect the rate hike of 7% that went into effect July 1st. This is \$0.25 per 1000 gallons of water, and \$0.58 per 1000 gallons of sewer.

