



## A Publication of News and Events



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### CLOSURES

Fri. Dec 24 & Mon Dec 26  
Fri. Dec 30th Jan. 2nd

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. Dec. 7  
Planning Commission  
Wed. Dec 21

**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.

## New Water/Sewer Shut-Off Policy Effective Jan 1st.

December 31st is just ahead and with it the new policy on non-payment of water/sewer bills. For several months we have posted reminders to get past due accounts caught up. Any account currently past due will be receiving another letter with the water bill about the shut off policy effective with the new year. **Tuesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>** past due accounts will be shut off, and will remain off until the account is paid in full including the TURN off and TURN on fee of \$70. NO extensions and NO payment arrangements. Properties that don't pay water/sewer past due bills are subject to tax sale.

### Council Meeting December 7th

The Council will review bids received for construction of Nace's Park. A draft ordinance on chickens, farm and exotic animals in residential districts will be up for consideration of introduction. If introduced a public hearing would be held in January. Check the website for agenda updates & public hearings.

### Meet Matt

The newest member of town staff, Matt Seiler, joined our water/wastewater department on October 6th. In addition to working at the plant part of his responsibilities will be taking care of the parks, meter reading, etc. A Navy veteran, Matt, is enthusiastic, cheerful and ready to get the job done. Be sure to welcome Matt!





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

**It's Back!!! SOUP DAY**

**Monday, December 12th @ 4 pm**

A cup of homemade soup, ham biscuit  
 and dessert will be sold for \$6.00

Eat in or Take home.

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



**SANTA** will be taking a practice run through  
 Trappe on December 20th beginning at 6 p.m.  
 We've heard that he will be using a firetruck so  
 Rudolph and the team can rest up for the big night.

**School Holiday Concerts**

White Marsh—Thursday, December 1st 6 pm  
 Easton Middle School-Wednesday, December 14th  
 6:30 pm. Both at Easton High School Auditorium.



LOCAL CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES— *St Paul Episcopal Church*—Children's pageant service  
 4 p.m. additional service at 9 p.m. *Trappe United Methodist Church*-Candlelight services at 4 p.m.  
 and 7 p.m. No Christmas Day service. *Wesleyan Church*—check with Rev Hawkins. *Faith Chapel*  
 -Candlelight Service Sunday, December 18th 5 p.m. *Scotts United Methodist Church*-no service.

**POLICE CHIEF'S  
 CORNER**



With the holidays upon us, and getting dark early, please be mindful of the children who will be playing outside. Parents / guardians, please teach your children to not play in the streets, and to watch out for traffic.

If the weather is calling for snow this winter, please don't park your vehicles on the streets. The snow plows need vehicle free streets to adequately clear the snow. If you leave your vehicles parked on the street during a snowstorm, the vehicle will most likely have snow piled around them, and make it extremely difficult for you to get your vehicle out.

*Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!!*

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 weekend is over. See it now-report it now!

Thanks,  
 George Ball, Chief

**Community Outreach December Events**

**Saturday, December 10th** Noon-1 p.m. Meet at Veterans Park on Main Street to decorate the gazebo. Bring any lights or decorations you are willing to donate.

Entries for a decorated snowman contest accepted at this time. Weather durable for display outside please. Maximum height 3'.

**Saturday, December 17th** 2-4 p.m. Bring the children out to meet Santa. In the gazebo at Veterans Park. Don't forget to bring the camera! FREE.

Contact Flo Adams 410-463-1319 to lend a hand or for more information on these activities.

RUMOR has it that the **Trappe LIONS** will be judging homes with Christmas decorations.

**Luminaries for Sale**

The Trappe Outreach Committee is selling luminaries as a fundraiser for community events such as the Music in the Park series held this summer. Please consider purchasing a luminary for \$1.00 each. This is a white bag with a battery operated candle that illuminates the bag. Several neighborhoods have decided to team up and light them all together for Christmas. Light them nightly or on a single night. Available at the Town Office or from our volunteers Julie Libby, Margaret English, Nancy Dunn, Elizabeth Ferguson, Flo Adams & Charlotte Edwards.