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

OFFICE HOURS

M-Th: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM F: 8:00 AM - 12:30 PM Sat-Sun: Closed

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

> Council Meeting: Wed. Feb 1st, 6 PM Planning Commission: Tues. Feb 21st, 6 PM

Town Office Closed: February 20th

Please make sure payments are <u>received</u> in the Town Office by the due date!

If the office is not open and you would like to make a payment please use our door slot and be sure to push your payment all the way through. 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, 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 6 pm

•Planning Commission Meetings are held at least quarterly on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6 pm Public Hearings, Public Workshops, Special Appeals Hearings, etc. are scheduled as needed. Check the website for updates www.trappemd.net or on FACEBOOK.

Keep Your Money Safe—Be Aware of Payment Scams

There are many third-party companies that claim they assist customers in paying their monthly bills. Some of those companies, such as Doxo.com, claim to be affiliated with utility companies to make their practices seem more legitimate. Doxo and other third-party payment processors are in no way affiliated with or partnered with the Town of Trappe. Payments from these companies may be remitted to the Town late, causing customers to be charged late fees or to have service disconnected.

https://trappemd.authoritypay.com/ is the only website that allows customers to pay water bills online directly to the Town of Trappe. Payments made through this service are reflected on customer accounts immediately at the time of payment. Customers can also pay over the phone with a credit/debit card, by mail with a check or money order, or by dropping off cash, check, or money order at the Town Office. To sign up for automatic payments, customers should complete and return the Recurring ACH Payment Authorization form - https://trappemd.net/water-sewer.

If you believe you've become the victim of a credit/debit card scam, take the following steps to protect your accounts:

- Call your bank and/or credit card company immediately - the bank may be able to block or reverse the fraudulent charge(s).
- Check your accounts and change your passwords some online banking programs allow customers to lock their card in case of fraud.
- Notify the credit bureaus and contact the police, if necessary.
- Monitor your statements and credit reports to check for additional fraudulent activity.



Scotts Outreach Ministry Mobile Food Pantry



Food pantry held at **3748 Main Street** on **February 23, 2023.** Pick up will begin at 8:30 AM and will continue until supplies are gone. Those wishing to pick up supplies should form a line on Howell Point Rd. For more information, please call 410-476-3980 or email sumc@goeaston.net.

Special Election Results

A special election was held on January 17, 2023 to fill the remainder of Gregory Fries term, ending May 2023. The election's write-in candidate, Michael Sullivan, received 6 votes. Mr. Sullivan will be sworn in at the Town Council meeting on February 1, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

An election will be held on May 9, 2023 to fill seats currently held by Commissioner Pritchett and Commissioner Sullivan. Nominations for the May election are due on March 21, 2023. Additional information will be posted on the Town website soon.



TVFC Soup Day

February 20, 2023, 4:00 PM until sold out



\$7.00 Soup, Ham Biscuit, and Dessert

Soup choices will be posted on Facebook

To pre-order, contact Lou Diefenderfer 410-924-1764

Please support your volunteer fire department!

Workshop—February 1, 2023

The Town Council will hold a workshop at 5:30 PM to discuss American Rescue Funds (ARPA). The regular meeting will follow at 6:00 PM

St. Paul's Church Pancake Supper

February 21, 2023, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

Adults - \$10.00 Children - \$6.00



Contact Florence Adams 410-463-1319

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