



A Publication of News and Events

What's inside:

This month's issue features tips on theft prevention and how to reduce your water usage.



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Submissions are welcome & may be dropped off at the Town Hall or sent to: PO Box 162, Trappe MD 21673

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

OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Tue, Wed, Thurs
8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Fri 8 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

Credit card payments accepted for a small fee.

Notary, Copy & Fax service available for small fee.

Council Meeting:
Wed. January 3rd 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission:
Tues. January 16th 7 p.m.

The office is closed:
Monday, January 1st
Tuesday, January 2nd
Monday, January 15th

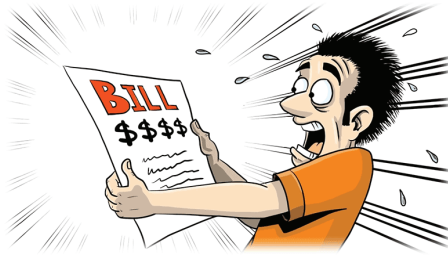
If the office is not open and you would like to make a payment please use our door slot and be sure to push your payment all the way through.

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 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.



High Water Bill?

This could be caused by a leak or a change in usage. Check faucets and toilets for drips/leaks. The table below shows how a leak could affect your daily/monthly usage.

Leak Size	Gallons Per Day	Gallons Per Month
A dripping leak consumes:	15 gallons	450 gallons
A 1/32 in. leak consumes:	264 gallons	7,920 gallons
A 1/16 in. leak consumes:	943 gallons	28,300 gallons
A 1/8 in. leak consumes:	3,806 gallons	114,200 gallons
A 1/4 in. leak consumes:	15,226 gallons	456,800 gallons
A 1/2 in. leak consumes:	60,900 gallons	1,827,000 gallons

"Potential Causes of High Water Bills." US Virgin Islands Water and Power Authority, www.viwapa.vi/Libraries/PDFs/Why_is_my_water_bill_so_HIGH.sflb.ashx. Accessed 12 Dec. 2017. Table.

Quick Tips

- ⇒ Use a bucket to wash your car instead of running the hose.
- ⇒ Do not run the washing machine/dishwasher unless there is a full load.
- ⇒ Check for a leaky toilet by putting food coloring into the tank and seeing if it leaks into the bowl before you flush.
- ⇒ Mulching your garden will cut down on evaporation so that you can water your plants less.

Meet Cheyenne!



The Town Council voted to hire Cheyenne Cowell as the new Assistant Clerk / Assistant Planner. As a resident of Trappe, Cheyenne looks forward to serving her community. She began working in the Town Office under Town Administrator Erin Braband on December 4, 2017. Welcome, Cheyenne!



REMINDER: The holiday months are prime time for theft and break-ins.

Protect yourself, your family, and your belongings by following these tips:

1. Park your vehicle as close to your residence as possible. Lock doors and put up windows.
2. Place your car keys by your bed at night. If you hear suspicious activity outside, use the car's alarm to deter a possible thief.
4. Do not leave valuables in your vehicle. If you do, secure them out of sight or in the trunk.
5. DO NOT confront the suspect. **If there is an emergency, dial 9-1-1.**

DON'T BE AN EASY TARGET

LOCK YOUR CAR & TAKE YOUR KEYS
Never Leave Valuables In Sight

TRAPPE TRIVIA

This month's question is:

What year was the Town of Trappe incorporated?

Look for the answer in next month's issue of The Index!



Kids Korner

Word Search

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BOARD VACANCIES

Volunteers are wanted to fill two alternate positions on the Town of Trappe Board of Appeals and on the Election Board. The Board of Appeals meets on an as needed basis in the evening to hear requests for variances and special exceptions to the Zoning Ordinance. The Election Board maintains the voter log, administers the town elections, and occasionally holds forums. A vacancy also exists on the Ethics Committee. This committee meets on an as needed basis.

Interested persons should submit a letter of interest/qualifications to the Town Administrator, Erin Brand, via email (clerk@trappemd.net). Submissions can also be made to the Town Office via mail (PO Box 162, Trappe). Positions will remain open until filled by appointment of the Town Council.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



**JAN. 15 - TVFC SOUP DAY
(FROM 5PM UNTIL SOLD OUT)**

Submissions for the Community Calendar are now being accepted. Please drop off entries at the Town Office or email Cheyenne (ccowell@trappemd.net).

