



A Publication of News and Events



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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 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 or on FACEBOOK.

Water and Sewer Non-payment Policy Change Proposed

At the June Council meeting the Council discussed the amount of uncollected funds from water & sewer bills that are 90 days past due. An equal number of rental and owner-occupied properties receive a notice each month stating the minimum that must be paid to avoid the disconnection of water. Many residents simply do not pay more than the minimum and never get their account brought current. This results in the town carrying approximately \$22,000.00 in unpaid accounts every month. The Town, just like individuals, counts on income to pay bills, and when the income (water bill payments) aren't coming in as they should it means the Town has to look to other sources like the General Fund to cover the shortage.

Resolution 4-2016 would shorten the turn off period from 90 to 30 days, do away with payment plans, and postdated payments. It would give notice to those accounts that are delinquent now that they have until December 31st to get caught up and bring the account current. This Resolution is up for adoption consideration at the July 6th meeting, and if adopted, a copy of the Resolution and a letter describing the changes will be mailed to everyone who receives a water bill. Again, the policy change is in discussion at this time. Contact your Council members or the Town Clerk for more information.

NOTICE

The INDEX has changed content & format for cost savings. Information of a non-reoccurring nature may be sent to the Town Office for consideration of publication.



FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The town office hours are:

Mon, Tue, Wed and Thur 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Fri 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Closed in the afternoon

NEW PHONE NUMBERS Ph 410-443-0087 Fax 410-443-0562

www.trappemd.net

Water bills are to be paid by the due date either in person, by mail or via on line banking. Watch the due date-it varies each month. Faxing, copying, notary services are available at the town office during regular office hours for a small fee. Please call the office first if you need a large quantity of copies or customization of copies.

The town office accepts credit card payments.

There is a service fee of \$3 to \$5 depending on the charge being paid for with the credit card.

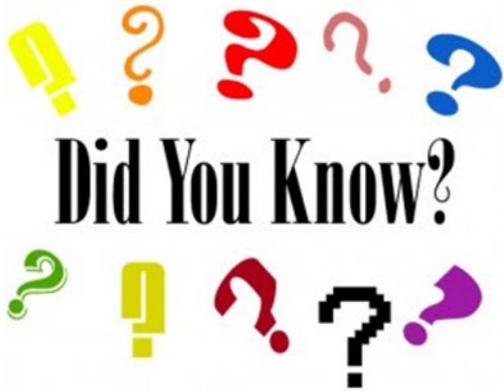
On Holidays and after hours the new phone system will connect you with the water treatment plant on call employee by pressing 1 FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY! Water shut-off for non-payment is NOT an emergency. Water will be turned on during normal business hours after payment is made at the office. Town staff do not accept payments anywhere but the town office.

The office will be closed Monday, July 4th for the Fourth of July Holiday.

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Call town office number during business hours.

Emergency on call #410-476-7462



Did You Know?

PLANNING AN OUTDOOR EVENT IN THE TOWN PARKS? Remember to register the event with the Town Office. Certain restrictions apply, and reservation of the park gazebo, or other parks is on a 1st come 1st served basis. Some parks have electric or a drinking fountain as well as picnic tables. See the Town Clerk for a reservation application & rules. Email Erin at Clerk@trappemd.net

MORE DID YOU KNOW

Attention property owners: Lawns should be kept mowed to a height of less than 6" to avoid action by the town. Please don't put clippings in the streets-its ugly & clogs storm drains. Pools over 24" deep require a permit and must be fully enclosed with a fence and latch unless they are 48" tall. Large pools may get a one time water fill credit-ask at the Town Office.

Wildlife Emergencies

The recent sighting, and subsequent removal of a strange acting raccoon has raised the question "Who do I call?". If you or your pet has been exposed to a rabid animal contact the Talbot County Health Dept. If there hasn't been any exposure to rabies but wildlife remains a threat the Department of Natural Resource has a nuisance animal hotline toll free at 877-463-6497. For after hours wildlife emergencies call 800-628-9944, however, if there is an immediate threat to the public by a suspected rabid animal please call 911.

Common Water/Sewer Bill Abbreviations

MAR	Monthly Meter Administration Fee (5/8" residential meter)
MAC	Monthly Meter Administration Fe (meter larger than 5/8")
BWS	Basic Water Service Fee (charged for each unit served)
BSS	Basic Sewer Service Fee (charged for each unit served)
BRF	MD Bay Restoration Fee
WATR	Monthly water usage rate per 1,000 gallons
SEWR	Monthly sewer usage rate per 1,000 gallons
LC	Late payment finance charge 2% per month
ONF	Turn on or Turn off fee

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY



Scott's United Methodist Church
 3748 Main Street
 Lucille Nichols, Pastor
<http://www.pen-del.org/churches/detail/415>
 410-476-3980



Trappe United Methodist Church
 29421 Maple Avenue~Trappe
 Faith Chapel~Bruceville
www.tfcumc.org
 Rev. Gary Moore Pastor
 Sunday School each week at 9:45 a.m.
 Pastor office hours Tues, Wed and Thurs mornings in
 the Trappe church education unit. To reach the pastor
 at other times call 410-714-0004.

Emmanuel Wesleyan Church
 4015 Ocean Gateway at Piney Hill Rd
 Robert (Bob) Hawkins, Pastor
 Sunday services at 10:30 a.m.



St Paul's Episcopal Church
 3936 Main Street
 The Rev. Jack Mason, Rector
<http://www.stpauls-trappe.org>
 443-786-2170



Please join us for our traditional outdoor Memorial Day
 Service Sunday May 29th 9:30am at White Marsh Ceme-
 tery (Hole In The Wall). All are welcome!



"Put on your calendar to attend the Talbot County
 Fair July 6-9! Lots of fun activities for the family!
 Visit <http://www.talbotcountyfair.org> for more infor-
 mation & schedule! Come support local Trappe 4-H
 members!"

Music in the Park Series

FREE
Veterans Memorial Park
3980 Main Street



"Barren Creek" performing July 23rd in Trappe

"Barren Creek" (see photo to right) will per-
 form Saturday, July 23rd from 2-6 p.m. A do-
 nation from Paris Foods & Marshall Auction
 will help defray the cost of this performance.
 Make plans to attend, bring a chair or blanket,
 & a picnic. Refreshments will be available for
 purchase.

The steel drum music of "Spark in da Pan"
 was rescheduled due to poor weather.
 They will perform Saturday, August 6th from
 5-7 p.m. Put it on your calendar now.

Brought to you by The Community Outreach
 Team, a group of local residents, caring &
 sharing with their community. Additional do-
 nations to assist their fundraising efforts to
 bring quality music to the summer program
 are always welcome & can be sent in care of
 the town office.

Congratulations
Donald and Eloise Brown
Maryland Community Action
Partnership's 2016
Volunteers of the Year

July 2016

"This country will not be a good place for any of us to live in unless we make it a good place for all of us to live in."
~Theodore Roosevelt

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Siren test
3		5	6 <i>Council Meeting 7 pm</i>	7	8	9 TUMC country breakfast 7:30-10:30
10	11	12	13	14	15	16 LIONS CHK BBQ
	Streets and curbs sprayed for weeds					
17	18	19	20 <i>Planning Comm Mtg 7 pm</i>	21	22	23 TUMC country breakfast 7:30-10:30 Barren Creek in the park 2-6
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30



Trappe LIONS

Hometown folks leading the way to a better tomorrow by helping to support our community today
The Trappe Lions Club Chicken Bar-B-Que
Saturday, July 16th at the traffic light on Route 50.
Call 410-476-4309 to reserve dinners.

WEED SPRAYING

Week of July 11th
The Town has arranged for curbed streets to be sprayed for weed control. Killing weeds and grass growing in the streets protects the street integrity.



Thanks for your cooperation.

POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER



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!

George Ball, Chief

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



Property owners-please return the residential rental form sent with your June water bill. If your dwelling is owner occupied we would still appreciate the return of the form with your contact information and the word NONE so we can update our records. Scheduling of inspection of rentals will begin shortly on a first come basis. Your cooperation is appreciated.