



## A Publication of News and Events



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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. July 5th 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission  
Tue. July 18th 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.trappemd.net) or on FACEBOOK.



**4TH OF JULY NO TRASH PICK UP**  
Trash will be collected the prior Saturday, July 1st

### Water & Sewer News:

New water & sewer usage rates go into effect July 1st. This is a 7% increase on the gallons of water used. You will notice this change on the bill received next month. The water quality report is on pages 3-4.

### CALENDAR

- July 1st Holiday **Trash Collection (Saturday)**
- July 4th Fourth of July Holiday **Office Closed**
- July 5th Town Council meeting 7 p.m.
- July 11th Normal trash collection schedule resumes
- July 18th Planning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.

### Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are sought to fill the position of:

- Board of Appeals Alternate
- Election Board Alternate
- Ethics Commission Member
- Planning Commission

Most boards meet on an as needed basis so there isn't a commitment to weekly or monthly meetings, however, the Planning Commission meets monthly and requires the completion of an education class available on line or nearby. Each position and board is important to the smooth functioning of local government, and presents an opportunity to be part of the process.

Persons interested should submit a letter of interest/qualifications to the Town Administrator Erin Braband, via email [clerk@trappemd.net](mailto:clerk@trappemd.net) or to the town office PO Box 162, Trappe. Positions will remain open until filled by appointment of the Town Council.



The office is closed Tuesday, July 4th  
**No Trash Pickup this day**





## POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

91 Americans die each day from an opioid overdose.

### Signs of an Overdose:

- \*Difficulty breathing
- \*Clammy skin
- \*Lips, fingers or face turn blue
- \*Limp body
- \*Vomiting

\*Death rattle-labored exhale that may sound like snoring. Emergency resuscitation is needed IMMEDIATELY!!

### What to do in an overdose:

- \*Call 911
- \*Stay with the person
- \*Give Naloxone (Narcan) if available.

You can learn how to respond to an overdose using Naloxone (Narcan), which is a life saving medicine that can reverse an opioid overdose. Contact your health dept for information of on FREE Narcan training.

If you're with someone who overdoses, **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE!!** Maryland's Good Samaritan Law protects people assisting in an emergency overdose situation from arrest & prosecution for certain crimes. The law DOES NOT protect someone who witnesses an overdose but doesn't help.

[www.IWishIKnewMidShore.Org](http://www.IWishIKnewMidShore.Org)

If you're struggling with drug dependency you are not alone. Contact your health dept-no one is turned away for lack of insurance. Or the 24 Hour Crisis Hotline 888-407-8018

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.

**Thanks, George Ball, Chief**

Traveling Maryland Roadways?

## WALK SMART

- Stay alert, avoid distractions while walking and always watch for cars.
- Look left-right, then left again.
- Cross at marked cross walks. Always obey traffic signs, signals and markings.
- Make eye contact with drivers to make sure they see you.
- Wear light colored or reflective clothing to be more visible at night.

## DRIVE SMART

- Always stop for pedestrians.
- Obey traffic signs, signals & markings. Don't run red lights!
- Observe posted speed limits. Speeding only makes it more difficult to stop for pedestrians.
- When turning, look out for and stop for pedestrians.
- Keep your eyes on the road. It's illegal to use a hand held phone/device or text while driving.

*Courtesy of the Maryland Department of Transportation*



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

**It's Chicken BBQ time!  
Saturday, July 8th  
11 a.m. or thereabout  
At the Barber Rd light**

**Benefit for the Trappe Volunteer  
Fire Company**

## COUNCIL NEWS

At the June 7th meeting the newly elected council members were sworn in and took their seats. Norm Fegel took the office of President and RD Diefenderfer is the new Vice President. The Council held a public hearing on Ordinance 05-2017, and later in the meeting adopted the ordinance that provides for the issuance and sale of infrastructure bonds in the amount of \$2,960,000 that will refinance existing debt held by USDA. The new bonds will reduce the interest rate from 4.25 % to no more than 2.4%, and save the town \$180,000 over the life of the loan.

Closure of Sullivan Street was approved for the fireman's fair June 22-24th.

The Council also voted to hire Kyle Eigenbrode as the new water/wastewater apprentice. A native of the Trappe district Kyle began working with Steve Callahan on June 9th. Please look for Kyle reading meters and caring for the town parks. Welcome Kyle!



***Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2016***  
***Town of Trappe, Inc.***  
***April, 2017***  
***PWSID # 0200007***

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the water quality and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is two deep wells which draw from a depth of 435 feet from the Piney Point Aquifer.

We are pleased to report that our water meets currently enforceable federal and state requirements for safe drinking water.

We have a source water protection plan available from our office that provides more information such as potential sources of contamination. This plan is also available either at the Talbot County Public Library or at Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE).

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other microbiological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Steve Callahan, Water Superintendent at (410) 443-0087. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled town meetings. Council meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month at the Town Hall on Powell Avenue.

The Town of Trappe routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. It's important to remember that the presence of these contaminants does not necessarily pose a health risk.

We at The Town of Trappe, Inc. work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

*Parts per million (ppm) or Milligrams per liter (mg/l)* - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

*Parts per billion (ppb) or Micrograms per liter (ug/L)* - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

*Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)* - picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

*Action Level* - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

*Maximum Contaminant Level* - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

*Maximum Contaminant Level Goal* - The "Goal"(MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

## TEST RESULTS

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Level Detected	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
<b>Inorganic Contaminants</b>						
Chlorine (2016)	N	0.7	ppm	4	4	Water Additive used to control microbes
Copper (distribution) (2015)	N	0.035	ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
Lead (distribution) (2015)	N	3	ppb	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (2012) Average	N	0.293	ppm	4.0	4.0	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
<b>Volatile Organic Chemicals</b>						
TTHM (Distribution) (2016) [Total trihalomethanes]	N	19	ppb	0	80	By-product of drinking water chlorination
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (Distribution) (2016)	N	5	ppb	0	60	By-product of drinking water chlorination

Note: Test results are for calendar year 2016 unless otherwise noted. All contaminants are not required to be tested for annually.

### Violation

**Nitrate [measured as Nitrogen] Monitoring** We failed to test our drinking water for the contaminant and period indicated January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016. Because of this failure, we cannot be sure of the quality of our drinking water during the period indicated.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The Town of Trappe is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your drinking water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

MCL's are set at very stringent levels. To understand the possible health effects described for many regulated contaminants, a person would have to drink 2 liters of water every day at the MCL level for a lifetime to have a one-in-a-million chance of having the described health effect.

Thank you for allowing us to continue providing your family with clean, quality water this year. In order to maintain a safe and dependable water supply we sometimes need to make improvements that will benefit all of our customers. These improvements are sometimes reflected as rate structure adjustments. Thank you for understanding.

### *News from the Trappe Community Outreach Team*

The month of June brought some wonderful entertainment to Trappe! *Spark in da Pan* performed for a huge crowd in Veterans Park, and a small but enthusiastic audience enjoyed the screening of the Disney movie *Moana* mid month. Thanks to those that helped make these events possible-Paris Foods, Bobby Crosswell and members of the Trappe Community Outreach Team. We will be meeting again soon to discuss plans for future events. We would love to have you join us-please call me 410-463-1319 or contact the town office. 410-443-0087.

Flo Adams-Chair

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