



## A Publication of News and Events



Someone is sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago. **Warren Buffett**

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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 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.

Just a tax reminder....when you are filing your income taxes with the IRS be sure to check the box to show that you live in the Town of Trappe and not just Talbot County. In making sure that you do so the Town receives their portion of income taxes and it doesn't all go to the County. As you can imagine this is very important for the Town so we can continue to provide the services that we offer now and improve in areas that need improvement. If you have any questions on how to make sure this is done correctly please ask your tax expert. Thank you.

## Sheriff Joe Gamble speaker at Community Dinner

Roughly forty people gathered in late February at the firehouse to hear Talbot County Sheriff Joe Gamble. Following a pot luck supper Sheriff Gamble spoke on the presence of Heroin in Talbot County-how it gets here, how users get started, services available to those with an addiction, and efforts being made by the Sheriff's department to address the epidemic. Gamble reminded the group that addiction impacts all of us-it is a community problem, and it is going to take everyone's involvement to turn the tide. Gamble said parents, neighbors, relatives need to be vigilant about locking up prescription painkillers, and should openly discuss the dangers of addiction with their children and grandchildren at an early age. If you hear or know that someone's child may be using drugs make that difficult call to the parent-they may be unaware, and need our support. Help is available for those with addiction issues by calling **410-819-5688** thru the Talbot County Health Department. The Sheriff's office is distributing cards with this information to everyone they arrest for drugs, and to families who request assistance for their loved ones. The discussion with Sheriff Gamble and dinner were arranged by Julie Libby with assistance from the Trappe Community Outreach Team-an all volunteer group of Trappe residents. Contact Julie Libby or Margaret English for information.



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. Town staff do not accept payments anywhere but the town office. *Credit card payment* now offered for a small fee. Council and Planning Commission meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. Faxing, copying, notary services are available at the town office during regular office hours for a small fee.

**Water bills are due on March 21st.** Next meter reading will be March 23 & 24.

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.

The Office will be closed Friday, March 25th Good Friday.

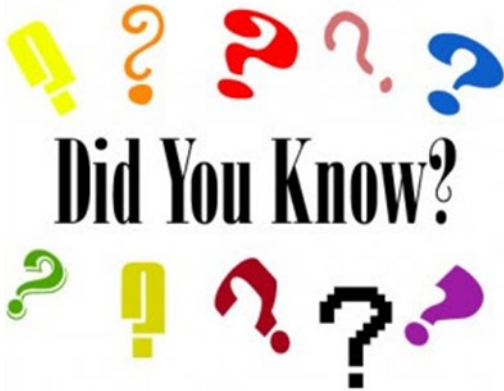
Don't forget the town office & wwtp have new phone & fax numbers!

**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!

Wastewater Treatment Plant

Call town office number during business hours.

Emergency on call #410-476-7462



The Town Council has decided to purchase lawn mowers and other lawn care equipment and take over the responsibility of mowing the Town's properties instead of sub-contracting out the work. This is yet another place the Town Council has been able to cut costs and save money while still providing excellent services.

*Correction to last month's INDEX. ONLY those sidewalks in front of town owned parks, and buildings are cleared by contractors and/or staff during snow /ice events. Property owners are responsible for clearing sidewalks at their homes and businesses of all obstructions. Sand and kitty litter make excellent traction sources without damaging brick or concrete walks.*

*Thank you for your cooperation, and we apologize for any misunderstanding.*



Community Outreach Update:  
**Easter Bonnet Parade**


March 26th at 1 pm following the FREE Annual egg hunt at Trappe United Methodist Church. Parade floats and group entries welcome. Cookies & punch will follow parade. Everyone is welcome to parade their finest creation, however, prizes will only be awarded to those that register and pay \$5 entry fee. Prizes will be awarded in three categories: Adult, kids, and pets. Yes, Fido is welcome on a leash but he/she also pays the entry fee to be eligible for prizes. Don't care about a prize? Join in the fun without an entry fee. In the event of rain the parade will take place at the fire house. Pre-registration welcome by contacting Margaret English 410-476-3592



Need help making a bonnet/hat? Stop by a free workshop on Saturday, March 5th at 10 a.m. at the Trappe United Methodist Church. Bring some trinkets, ribbon, tulle, lace or whatever you have, and share in the fellowship.

While you can get information at the town office, 410-443-0087, this is a community resident run group which sets its own agenda and meeting time. Next meeting is *Tuesday, March 8th* at 4:30 pm in the conference room at town hall.

# 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**

Community Bible Study – 6 Weeks  
 “John” the Gospel of Light and Life by Adam Hamilton. Beginning with the Ash Wednesday Service on February 10 Wednesday 6:30-7:30 at Scotts UMC  
 All are welcome!



**Trappe United Methodist Church**  
**29421 Maple Avenue~Trappe**  
**Faith Chapel~Bruceville**  
[www.tfcumc.org](http://www.tfcumc.org)  
**Rev. Gary Moore Pastor**

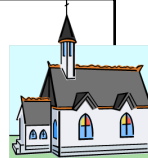
Sunday School each week at 9:45 a.m.  
 Youth Group meets the 2nd Saturday at 6:30 p.m.  
 Pastor office hours Tues, Wed and Thurs mornings in the Trappe church education unit. To reach the pastor at other times call 410-714-0004.

**Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, March 26th Noon**  
 Children under age 12 accompanied by an adult. Each child should bring a basket or bag. Donations of small individual wrapped candies appreciated by March 20th.

*EASTER Sunday Services:*  
 8:45 am Faith Chapel 11 am Trappe



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




**March 17th 4-6 p.m.**  
**TUMC Annual**  
**St Patty's Day Dinner**  
**Adults \$10 Kids \$5**  
**ALL green desserts**  
 Contact Nancy Dunn for more information 410-924-2703

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



**HOLY WEEK**

Maundy Thursday Service on Thursday, March 24 at 5:30 pm

**Easter Sunday Service at 9:30 am**  
 Easter egg hunt and fellowship to follow service



**Join the Fun** 

**Saturday, April 2nd 2-4 p.m.**  
**Tea, Fashion Show, & Silent Auction**  
 Trappe United Methodist Church Wesley Hall


**Silent Auction**

**Local models**  
**Featuring items from Martha's Closet\***  
*(classic elegance on a budget)*  
**\$5.00 per ticket**  
**Please Contact Pat Harden for tickets**  
**410-476-3462**




**\*TUMC Perpetual Yard Sale**

**WMES Grandparents Club Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 8th 1:30**  
**Call Julie Libby for info 410-476-3839**






Reminder: Please do not put trash out for weekly collection prior to Monday evening, and be sure to remove trash cans from the curb Tuesday evening. Not only is this a town ordinance but it's common courtesy. Blowing trash cans damage cars, property and are a general nuisance. Collecting your trash cans promptly may also save you from replacing trash lids/cans that get blown away. *Thank you!*





# MARCH 2016

*Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.* Lewis Grizzard

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
		1	2 Council Meeting 7 pm	3	4	5 Siren test	
6	7 <b>SOUP DAY</b> TVFD 4 until? CERT training	8 <b>WMES</b> Grandparents club mtg 1:30	9	10	11	12 TUMC country breakfast 7:30-10:00	
13	14 CERT training	15	16 Planning Comm Mtg 7 pm	17 INDEX items due	18	19	
20 	21  CERT training	22	Talbot County Public Schools closed Spring Break March 23-28.			25	26 TUMC breakfast 7:30-10 Egg hunt at noon. Easter Parade 1pm
27 	28 CERT training	29	30	31			

Submit news item along with your water bill or send them to the Town Office or to *Index* editor, Ann Frock 410.443-0087 [trappeindex@gmail.com](mailto:trappeindex@gmail.com)  
Priority is given to events within the Town of Trappe. The Town reserves the right to edit or refuse submissions for publication. It is preferred that items be typed or emailed please.



TALBOT COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
[talbotschools.org](http://talbotschools.org)

March 7, 6pm – Spring Concert, White Marsh school  
March 16, 7pm – Board of Education Meeting, Education Center  
March 23-28 – SCHOOL CLOSED, Spring Break

**Trappe United Methodist Church**  
**Country Breakfast**

2nd and 4th Saturdays each month  
7:30 am till 10:00 am

Corner of Powell & Maple Ave.

“A tasty place to eat”



## Rehab loan assistance for Owner Occupied Dwellings

The State of Maryland Dept of Housing & Community Development (DHCD) offers low interest and 0 interest loans, and deferred loans to individuals for repairs, and accessibility modifications to owner occupied homes. Program is designed to provide assistance to those who meet income qualifications and live in single family homes. Program is not open for commercial or rental units. Typical repairs may include plumbing, roof, windows, lead paint abatement, ramps, heating system replacement, and a variety of other items. Applicants will have a home inspection with a rehab specialist to determine the necessary repairs. Contact [dhcd.maryland.gov](http://dhcd.maryland.gov) or call Special Loan Programs 1-800-638-7781 or Energy Programs 1-855-583-8976. There is no application fee! A limited number of flyers and applications available at the town office.

**Talbot County Free Library [tcfl.org](http://tcfl.org) 410-822-1626**

Free & open to the public

Some require pre-registration. Please pre-register for all children's programs.



Activities include storytimes, play group, Valentine's crafts, Discover Your World (book, art & science for children), Meet the Bees, Family Unplugged Games, Family Movie March 29th (Amelia), book talks, readings, memoir writing, Stich & Chat, and more.

**Thursday, March 3, 6:00 p.m.** ~ Book Launch: *Hard-Boiled Anxiety: The Freudian Desires of Dashiell Hammett, Raymond Chandler, Ross Macdonald, and Their Detectives*. Dr. Karen Karydes launches her new book about three of America's most famous mystery writers.

**Saturday, March 26, 1-3 p.m.** Documentary Film: *Black Captains of the Chesapeake*  
Join us for a viewing of this documentary film and a discussion led by award-winning filmmaker and university professor, S. Torriano Berry. The film explores the lives and work of a group of African-American Head Boat Captains who, for over 50 years, have carried fishing parties out of Kent Narrows, Maryland.



*"Building Our Future by Preserving Our Past"*

## *Mary Ann Wood*

The Rural Life Museum has lost a great friend and board member in Mary Ann Wood. Mary Ann was our corresponding secretary and will be sorely missed for her work with the museum and for her care, kindness, good nature, wisdom, and thoughtfulness. Those who knew her were richer for the knowing and we are grateful for the gift of her presence and dedicated work on our Board of Directors for so many years. We are comforted by the knowledge that those who love God never meet for the last time. We extend our deepest condolences to her family-especially her husband, Bob Wood, who is also a treasured volunteer.

We are hoping someone from our community will volunteer to fill our Mary Ann's term. Please use any of the numbers below for more information.

*Our Saturday hours will begin again on April 2nd from 1 to 4 and continue each Saturday until November. In the meantime, we are always happy to show off the museum by appointment. Please do come see us. We are glad to arrange a tour for you & your guests at any time. We will try to accommodate even last minute requests-410-476-3339, 476-4857, or 476-5408. Please visit our website-RuralLifeMuseum.org and like us on Facebook-Rural Life Museum Trappe, MD.*

## **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Training Offered**

Talbot County Emergency Services has received a tremendous response to this FREE training offer. So much so that the session that begins March 7th is already full. The next CERT training class will be held in the fall. If you are interested in attending the FALL class please reply to Bill Ball by email at [wball@atlanticbb.net](mailto:wball@atlanticbb.net) or by calling 410-745-3452. You can also call Jim Bass at Talbot County Emergency Services at 410-770-8166 to reserve a spot. This terrific response means many of our neighbors want to lend a hand. Kuddos!





## POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER

There has been a significant increase in scams both via telephone and email. Most recently people are getting messages reportedly from the IRS—this is a SCAM. Be vigilant and aware. Do not give any information to anyone you don't know over the phone or via email. The best bet—don't respond.

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 CO

PO Box 86 Trappe, MD 21673  
Ben Diefenderfer, President  
410-476-3535 (firehouse)

### SOUP'S ON!

Monday, March 7th 4 p.m. till sold out

Soup, ham biscuit & dessert

\$6.00

Pre-order call Lou Diefenderfer 410-924-1764



## BUSINESS COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Ads are not sponsored by the Town of Trappe, and content of ads are subject to review and rejection by the editors.

**Greenfield Clock Shop**  
www.greenfieldclockshop.com

Antique and Vintage Clock Repair

Robert H. Croswell  
bobby@greenfieldclockshop.com

4180 Main Street  
Trappe, MD 21673-1869  
(410) 476-6167 (410) 463-2151

*Salon Inspire*  
KIMBERLY HARDESTY  
OWNER/STYLIST

20349 MAPLE AVE.  
TRAPPE, MD 21673

CALL FOR APPOINTMENT  
410-476-6125

JIM DAWSON  
410-476-3838

**Unicorn Bookshop**  
SECONDHAND & RARE BOOKS AND MAPS

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RT. 50  
P.O. BOX 154  
TRAPPE, MD 21673

E-mail: unicornbookshop@verizon.net  
www.unicornbookshop.com  
OPEN 7 DAYS 9-5

Home & Garden  
Farm Equipment  
Repairs & Services  
Storage & More

**POP'S Market**

Pop's Market INC  
4093 Ocean Gateway  
Trappe, MD 21673  
Phone: (410) 476-3900  
WWW.POPSMARKET.COM

4093 Ocean Gateway, Trappe MD  
(410) 476-3900  
www.popsmarket.com

Attention  
Trappe Business Owners  
April 5th 8:30 a.m.  
Business Forum

(410) 476-3900 (410) 476-3589 Fax

**POP'S MARKET**  
Handmade Amish,  
Mennonite Furniture  
& Accessories

4093 Ocean Gateway  
Trappe, MD 21673  
Lauran Schwaninger

Paige Tilghman, Director of the Talbot County Office of Economic Development (OED) invites the business owners of Trappe to a Business Forum on Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at the Trappe Town Offices, 4011 Powell Avenue, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The OED would like to reestablish communications with the businesses of Trappe on a quarterly basis in order to discuss opportunities; collaborate and learn more about available resources that may benefit and support your businesses.

Please RSVP to Michelle Hall at 410-770-6811. Additionally, if you have any thoughts or concerns, please email them to MHall@talbgov.org so we may add these items to the agenda.