



## A Publication of News and Events

*Celebrating*  
22 YEARS

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### IN BRIEF

Music in the park Oct. 1st  
 Nace's Day Oct 8th  
 Soup Day Mon. Oct. 17th  
 Nace Hopkins Cruise In  
 Car Show Oct. 22nd  
 Bulk Trash payment due  
 October 25th.  
 Trick or treating Monday  
 October 31st 6-8 pm.

**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.

## NEW TRASH COLLECTION CONTRACTOR OCTOBER 4TH

The Town received bids for the residential trash collection. As a result the town has switched weekly trash removal contractors and effective October 4<sup>th</sup> Chesapeake Waste will be our new trash company. Trash pickup will still occur on Tuesdays but Chesapeake Waste requests that all trash be put at the curb **Monday evening**. If your trash is not picked up please contact Town Hall so we can work with Chesapeake Waste to correct the problem. Please bear with the Town and the new trash company as we work out any kinks the first couple of weeks.

## PUBLIC HEARINGS

On Wednesday, October 5th the Council of Trappe will meet at 6:45 p.m. to hold two public hearings to receive public comment. The regular meeting will follow the hearings. The following Ordinances have been introduced and are the subject of the hearings: Ordinance 11-2016: An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe to repeal and reenact Title IV, Section 10.20 of the Trappe Zoning Ordinance titled "Signs" to regulate the size, location, and placement of signs within the Town of Trappe.

Ordinance 12-2016: An Ordinance of the Town of Trappe adopting a temporary moratorium for a period of six (6) months on the consideration, processing, or approval of any site plan or building permit for the construction or expansion of any poultry house within the Town of Trappe. Copies of the full ordinances are available at the town office. The regular business meeting will follow the hearings.



## 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.

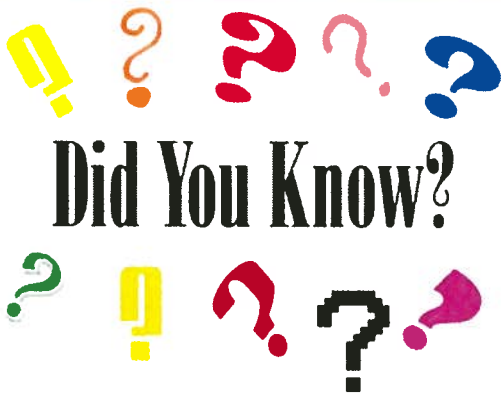
**On Holidays and after hours** the new phone system will connect you with the water treatment plant on call employee by pressing 1 FOR EMERGENCIES ONLY! Water shut-off for non-payment is NOT an emergency. Water will be turned on during normal business hours after payment is made at the office. Town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

The office will be closed Monday, October 10th Columbus Day

## Wastewater Treatment Plant

Call town office number during business hours.

Emergency on call #410-476-7462



## Did You Know?

### OUTDOOR BURNING RULES

With fall about to burst upon us please take a moment to familiarize yourself with the rules for safe outdoor burning.

1. Contact Talbot Center **before** you burn outdoors.
2. An adult over 21 must be present.
3. Adequate extinguishing equipment must be in the immediate vicinity.
4. Burn only after 4 p.m. but before dark; when winds are under 10 mph; and provided that a burning ban is not in effect in Maryland.
5. No burning garbage, dead animals, or items likely to cause offensive Smoke or vapor.

Bonfires require written permission from the Chief of the Trappe Volunteer Fire Dept. **and** a copy must be given to Chief Ball at least 48 hours before the event. Violations carry a maximum fine of \$500.00. And now you know.

### IMPORTANT REMINDER

Just a reminder that all water and sewer accounts must be paid **current before December 31<sup>st</sup>**! Any accounts with a past due balance after Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> will have their water disconnected on January 3<sup>rd</sup>. *Landlords* please share this important date with your tenants-water bills are your responsibility.

Town Hall accepts payments of any amount at any time and will credit your account accordingly, you do not have to wait until a disconnect notice is issued or the bill due date. Please contact Town Hall if you have a past due balance to discuss your account.

RT 565 Sidewalk Update— Representatives from State Highway reported back to town commissioners and staff with a plan for sidewalk drainage, and a sketch with dimensions of right of ways needed. More details need to be worked out, and individual property owners that would be impacted will be contacted. A concept plan has been received at the town office.



## FEMA

Thirty Seconds Now, Could Save a Life Later  
September was National Preparedness Month.

Are you ready for when a disaster strikes? What if there is an app to make you more aware of severe weather, help you prepare for an emergency and ultimately make you, your friends and family more disaster ready? Would you download it? Every minute counts when severe weather threatens. Nearly half a million Americans already have the FEMA app. So take 30 seconds today and download the FEMA App for free on the [App Store](#) and [Google Play](#).

*Provided courtesy of FEMA news release 9/7/16*



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



## It's Back! Soup Day

October 17th 4 p.m. till ?

\$ 5.00 Soup, Biscuit, Desert, Drink  
Holiday Craft Show Saturday, November 19th

### Music in the Park Series

**FREE**

Veterans Memorial Park  
3922 Main Street



Last outdoor performance of the season:  
Saturday, October 1st 4-5 p.m.

### The Bay Country Chorus

Will perform a mixture of old and new barber-shop favorites. Bring a blanket or chair, and a snack if you like.

*Program funded in part by the Talbot County Smoking Cessation Grant Program.*

### Holiday Decorating

Luminaries will be available again this year for purchase from the town office to decorate your sidewalk or porch. *What's a luminary?* It's a small white paper bag or similar size container with a little sand in the bottom that holds a small white candle. Battery operated candles can be used as well as glass jars, or other containers that let the light glow. Consider participating to show united holiday spirit. It's very festive when neighbors join together and "light" up their street or neighborhood.

We are asking that luminaries be lit the first time to coincide with the lighting of the community Christmas tree at Trappe United Methodist Church on Sunday, November 27th. Contact the town office after October 17th to purchase or with questions on how to make your own.

This is a fundraiser for the Community Outreach Team that sponsors music in the park & other social activities in Trappe.

## POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER



Please pay careful attention while driving. October brings an earlier nightfall with children out playing; deer will start crossing roadways more as the weather cools and mating season starts; and Halloween being celebrated on October 31st.

Parents make sure your children are not playing in the roadways, and that they wear reflective clothing on Halloween while trick or treating from 6-8 pm.

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. *George Ball, Chief*

### CALENDAR

- Sat. Oct 1st Music in the park 4-5 pm
- Wed. Oct 5th Public Hearings 6:45 pm
- Sat. Oct 8th Nace's Day Celebration
- Mon. Oct 10th Columbus Day-office closed
- Wed. Oct 12th Regional Job Fair 2-6 pm
- Wed. Oct 19th Planning Commission 7 p.m.
- Sat. Oct 22nd Scotts Church Car Show
- Tue. Oct 25th Bulk Trash Payment Due
- Fri. Oct 28th Bulk Trash Collection
- Mon. Oct 31st Trick or Treating 6-8 pm

### Nace's Day Celebration Events

Saturday, October 8th-rain date Oct 15

10:30 am Worship@ Scotts UM Church

11:30 am Graveside Service

1:00 pm Parade

Call Robin Watson 410-829-4790 for parade information

### Nace Hopkins Cruise In Exhibition

(Car Show)

Veterans Park-Main Street

Saturday, October 22nd

11-4

Classic cars, classic trucks & motorcycles.

Donations accepted for the scholarship fund

Need more information or have questions call Scotts United Methodist Church 410-476-3980

# NOTE-SPECIAL COLLECTION FEE IS \$10 FOR BASIC



## TOWN OF TRAPPE, INC.

### SPECIAL BULK TRASH PICKUP REQUEST

Pick up date: Friday October 28, 2016

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail pickup request and payment to: Town of Trappe, Inc., PO Box 162, Trappe, MD 21673-0162, or drop off at the Trappe Town Office. Request must be received by 3 days before the scheduled pickup.

1	Basic pickup fee (under 3 cu. yards – about a pickup truck load)	\$	10.00
_____	Tires up to 15 in. without the rim	\$3.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Tires up to 15 in. on the rim	\$6.00 each	\$ _____
_____	Tires over 15 in. without the rim	\$4.25 each	\$ _____
_____	Tires over 15 in. on the rim	\$8.50 each	\$ _____

(Light truck and passenger car tires only – 4 tire limit)

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT & FORM DUE BY TUESDAY, October 25th

#### TOWN OF TRAPPE BULK TRASH REGULATIONS

**Large load** (over 3 yd<sup>3</sup>), **over-size or over-weight item** – Call the Town Office at least one (1) week before the scheduled pickup for cost based on loading, hauling and disposal costs.

**All materials** to be collected must be **generated by the resident at that property**. Bulk trash will not be collected from businesses or other non-residential properties.

**Cardboard boxes** must be broken down and bundled (max 10 boxes per bundle)

**Broken glass** should be wrapped in paper and marked as broken glass.

**Sharp objects** must be placed in metal or hard plastic containers with lids

**Leaves** must be in tied bags or covered containers (not over eight bags per household). Wet leaves will not be collected.

**Sticks** must be tied in bundles not more than (3) feet long and not more than sixty (60) pounds.

**Tree limbs** must not be more than (3) feet long and not more than sixty (60) pounds.

**Christmas trees** only will be picked up in January. (A free service provided by The Rural Life Museum of Trappe Maryland, Inc.)

**Boards, posts, etc.** shall not be longer than 3 feet or more than 60 pounds.

**Loader piles of vegetative bulk** will NOT be picked up.

**Rugs** must be dry and rolled up and tied, or folded and tied.

**No more than one** (1) each, hot water heater, refrigerator, freezer, stove, or sofa per residence.

**Refrigerators, freezers, and air conditioners** must have Freon gas removed.

**Water-soaked debris** will NOT be picked up.

**Gas engine driven equipment** must have all oil and gas removed before disposal.

**Metal items** must be separated from other debris and yard waste.

**Other Prohibited items include** antifreeze, asbestos, concrete, brick or masonry rubble, contractor's waste, dead animals, demolition debris, explosives and ammunition, hazardous materials, items belonging to someone else, items prohibited at the landfill, motor oil, paint cans with anything in them, propane tanks, soil and dirt, and tree stumps.

(Other restrictions may apply, check with the town office.)

**Items placed for bulk pickup** shall be placed near the street not more than four (4) days before a scheduled pickup date. Items shall not be placed on the sidewalk, in the gutter, or on the traveled portion of the street. Items that cannot be legally disposed of in the landfill will not be picked up. The trash hauling contractor may refuse any item(s) when in his judgment the item cannot be safely loaded, transported, and legally disposed of.