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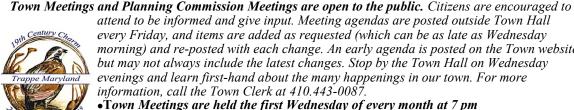
After hours water/sewer emergency contact 410-476-7462

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. Oct. 2nd, 7 p.m. **Planning Commission:** Tues. Oct. 15th, 7 p.m. **Office Closed:** Mon. Oct. 14th

Please make sure payments are received in the Town Office by the due date! If the office is not open and vou would like to make a payment please use our door slot and be sure to push your payment all the way through.



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.

Trash Service

The Town Council voted on September 4th to change the Town's trash provider to Eastern Shore Environmental, starting October 1st. In addition to changing providers, trash collection day was changed to Friday to accommodate the new provider's schedule.

Therefore, Chesapeake Waste did their final pickup on Tuesday, September 24th and Eastern Shore Environmental will do their first pickup on Friday, October 4th. Please put your trash out on Thursday evenings. We are hopeful that this transition will go smoothly and appreciate your patience as we get the new company familiar with our Town.

Bulk Trash

Bulk trash pickup is scheduled for Friday, October 25th. Sign up forms are enclosed with this month's water bills. They are also available in the Town Office and at www.trappemd.net.

Forms and payment must be returned by Tuesday, October 22nd. No late submissions will be accepted.

Help Trappe Remember!

The Rural Life Museum is in need of a new curator to put together & direct its shows. Trappe has a rich history which should be made public including, at one time, 18 stores down Main St.

If you like history, research, and helping the people of the Town understand its unique appeal, answer the call for a curator and join the Board of the Museum in keeping history alive.

If interested, respond to Charles Adams (410-476-3339), Libby Slaughter (410-476-3115), or Carol Lange (410-476-



5408).

Mark Your Calendar...

Trappe Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting the "2019 Holiday Craft Show" featuring 30 tables of locally crafted handmade items for your holiday shopping.

There will be a large variety of vendors, each one with something different. Gifts for men, women, and children. We will

also have a raffle and door every half hour. prizes Continental breakfast and lunch will be available.

Please support your local fire company and vendors on Saturday, November 23rd, from 9 am to 3 pm!





Blessing of the Animals

The community is invited to attend St. Paul's Blessing of the Animals on October 5th at 10 am. Please join us in front of the church for this St. Francis inspired event. Pets must be leashed or in carriers. Questions? Call 410-463-1319.



Water Disconnection Policy Reminder

The Town's policy became effective on January 1, 2017 and is as follows:

- 1. Water/Sewer bills are mailed out monthly with a due date for the following month.
- 2. If payment is not received in the office on or before the due date, a 2% late fee will be assessed.
- 3. If payment is not received before 10 days after the due date, a disconnect notice is issued. Each disconnect notice is mailed to the homeowner and is also posted on the front door of each rental property.
- 4. The disconnect notice will give the owner and/or tenant an additional 10 days to pay their bill in full to avoid disconnection.
- 5. If payment is not received in full by the close of the 10th day following the issuance of the disconnect notice, the water will be disconnected the following business day at 8:00 am and a \$35.00 disconnect fee will be assessed to the account immediately. An account is considered disconnected when the address is given to the water department for disconnection, <u>NOT</u> when the water is physically disconnected.
- To have the water reconnected, the entire past due bill along with the \$35.00 disconnection fee and a \$35.00 reconnection fee must be received by the Town Office. The Town Office is the only place that payments will be accepted - <u>the water department</u> <u>employees will not accept payment</u>.
- 7. Payment must be received in the Town Office prior to 3:00 pm in order to have water reconnected the same day.
- 8. Water will be reconnected at the convenience of the water department. However, all paid properties will be reconnected before the water department leaves for the day.
- 9. The Town is no longer able to accept late payment arrangements, payment plans, or postdated checks in order to avoid disconnections. <u>No exceptions</u>.
- 10. The Town accepts cash, money order, checks, and credit cards (fee applies). You may pay over the phone with a credit card.

PLEASE NOTE: Contacting the on-call water department personnel (or other employees or commissioners) after hours <u>WILL NOT</u> result in your water being turned back on that day/evening. You will need to wait until the Town Office opens the next business day to pay your bill and have your water reconnected.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct. 5th: Blessing of the Animals, St. Paul's Church, 10 am Oct. 14th: TVFC Soup Day, 5 pm until sold out (pre-orders 410-924-1764) Oct. 27th: Sign Painting Fundraiser, TVFC, 3 to 5:30 pm, visit TVFC Facebook for tickets and more info Oct. 31st: TVFC Halloween Party, 5:30 to 8:30 pm Nov. 23: 2019 Holiday Craft Show, TVFC, 9 am to 3 pm



Trick-or-Treat Hours October 31st 6 to 8 pm