



## A Publication of News and Events

Celebrating 22 YEARS

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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.

### Thanks-we needed that!

A special shout out to former Commissioner Bobby Crosswell. Bobby voluntarily approached the town offering to cut the town parks, and grass at the town office when he learned we were a little short handed due to an accident involving our own Steve Callahan. Steve has since recovered but during his absence Scott Ireland was stretched a bit thin and the grass was getting shaggy. Thank you again Bobby for stepping up and helping out!

### Chickens in Residential District Under Consideration



The Planning Commission is reviewing the keeping of chickens in residential districts. A letter was submitted by Commissioner RD Diefenderfer asking the Planning Commission to consider allowing homeowners to keep up to five chickens (no roosters) in their yards for their own use. A draft ordinance is in the works and while the Planning Commission is reviewing what, if any, regulations are needed they would like to hear from residents. How do you feel about your neighbors keeping chickens in their yards? Is it a nuisance? Will it impact property values? Is it not an issue? The discussion will continue at the August 17th Planning Commission meeting at the town office. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. and the public is welcome. Have an opinion? Letters or email are welcome to the town planner, Jennifer Shull, at [Jennifer@trappemd.net](mailto:Jennifer@trappemd.net)

### RENTAL REGISTRY

Inspections of residential rental units began in July. If you have not already returned your rental registration please do so immediately. Registered units are given preference for scheduling inspections which take place Tue, Wed & Thur mornings.

**NOTICE:** Water rates have increased by two (2%) percent, and the most recent water bill will reflect the change. This rate increase & the change in water shut off for non-payment information is included with the current bill. This increase was necessary to make the Enterprise (water/sewer) fund self sustaining. Tips on ways to conserve water and potentially better manage your water usage will be printed on the back of the bill.



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.

Wastewater Treatment Plant  
Call town office number during business hours.  
Emergency on call #410-476-7462

**Music in the Park Series**  
**FREE Sat August 6th**  
**Veterans Memorial Park**  
**3980 Main Street**



“The steel drum music of “*Spark in da Pan*” will spark up Veterans Park with calypso sounds on **Saturday, August 6th from 5-7 p.m.** This group with hometown ties is just the thing for a warm summer evening of free fun in the park.

Grab something to sit on, and bring a friend. Refreshments will be sold or bring your own.

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

Rain date is Sunday, August 7th same time.

**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 number  
President Ben Diefenderfer  
Chief Nick Newman



**Sat November 19th 9-5**

Craft Show-multi vendor, food & more

August 1-4th	Vacation Bible School-Trappe United Methodist Church <i>FREE</i>
August 3rd, Wed.	Town Council Meeting 7 p.m.
August 6th, Sat.	<i>Spark in da Pan</i> Free concert 5-7 p.m.
August 17th, Wed	Planning Commission Meeting 7 p.m.
August 23rd, Tue.	School starts K-12
August 29th, Mon	Pre-K starts part I
August 30th, Tue	Pre-K starts part II