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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. May 3rd 7:00 p.m.

Planning Commission

Tue. May 16th

Holiday Closure

Memorial Day, May 29th



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 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.

TOWN ELECTION MAY 9TH

On Tuesday, May 9th registered town residents will vote for three persons to serve on the Town Council for a four year term. The candidates in alphabetical order are: Walter Chase, Sr., C. Donald English, Norman Fegel and Nicholas Newnam. Those elected persons will join Commissioners RD Diefenderfer, and Tonya Pritchett whose terms do not expire until May 2019. Voters will also make a decision regarding term limits. Presently the Town Charter limits Commissioners to two successive terms in office. Commissioner Rose Potter has proposed removing the term limit and the question will appear on the ballot for voters to voice their opinion.

Section 201. NUMBER, SELECTION AND TERM OF COMMISSIONERS

All legislative and executive powers of the Town shall be vested in a body designated as "The Council of Trappe" consisting of five Commissioners who shall be elected as hereinafter provided and who shall hold office for a term of four years or until the succeeding Council takes office. The regular term of the Commissioners shall expire on the second Monday following the election of their successors. ~~[The terms of the Commissioners shall be limited to two (2) consecutive elected terms.]~~

[Note: Material to be deleted is crossed out.]

Each of the candidates was invited to submit a statement of no more than 300 words and a photo. Please turn inside to read what was submitted by the candidates. The statements are the words of the candidate and unedited. The election will take place in the council meeting room at the town hall 4011 Powell Avenue between the hours of 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Absentee ballots are available until **May 2nd** by contacting the town clerk, Erin Braband, clerk@trappemd.net.





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

Chicken BBQ coming soon!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE FAIR
JUNE 22nd, 23rd & 24th**

Volunteers and donations always appreciated.

Don't forget to check the batteries in your smoke detector

CALENDAR

- May 3rd Council meeting
- May 9th Town Election 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at town office.
- May 16th Planning Commission meeting
- May 19th **FREE** family movie **AIR BUD Seventh Inning Stretch** 7 p.m. at Trappe United Methodist Church hall-Maple Avenue.
- May 20th Music in Veterans Park **FREE Bay Country Chorus** 4pm held at Trappe United Methodist Church if the weather is poor.
- May 29th Memorial Day-Talbot Public Schools and Town Office closed.
- June 3rd Spark in da Pan 5 p.m. Veterans Park

POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER



Attention everyone – Please make sure that your residence and / or business is properly marked with your 9-1-1 address. Not only is this a County requirement, but more important, it's a safety matter for you and your family. All residences need to display the correct 9-1-1 address numbers (reflective preferred), at the end of your driveway, so they are visible in both directions for responding emergency vehicles.

There are several residences that have no numbers displayed. There are a large number of residences that have numbers on the house, but they are not visible from the roadway, particularly at night. Every second counts in a true emergency. Please comply, it may save your or your families life.

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**

BOARD VACANCY

Interested in serving your community but don't want to serve everyday? Consider one of two alternate positions open on the Election Board or Board of Appeals .

Persons interested should submit a letter of interest/ qualifications to the Town Clerk, Erin Braband, via email clerk@trappemd.net or to the town office PO Box 162, Trappe. Positions will remain open until

News from the Trappe Community Outreach Team

Family Movie Night-Friday, May 19th 7 p.m. FREE Join us as we continue to ***Strike Out Smoking*** campaign with the showing of baseball lovers favorite “AIR BUD Seventh Inning Fetch”. Bring a blanket or cushion if you or your young ones want to spread out on the floor. Chairs also provided. Inside Wesley Hall at Trappe United Methodist Church!

Bay Country Chorus will perform at Trappe Veterans Park on Saturday, May 20th at 4 p.m. Rain location is Trappe United Methodist Church—Maple Avenue (same day and time).

Spark in da Pan will return to the gazebo at Trappe Veterans Park on Saturday, June 3rd from 5-7 p.m. with a rain location of Trappe United Methodist Church hall-(same day and time)

Lots to do in our community-won't you come be a part of it? Our next meeting is Monday, May 8th at 4:30 p.m. at the fellowship hall Trappe United Methodist Church. Flo Adams-Chair

Funding provided in part by the fundraising efforts of the Trappe Community Outreach Team, an all volunteer group, community donations and the Talbot County Smoking Cessation Grant program.

Statements in alphabetical order from the Candidates for Town Council

Yvonne Bartolomeo

As of press time-Mrs. Bartolomeo has withdrawn as a candidate due to family health issues. We wish her, and her husband, Wayne, all the best. *Editor*

Walter E. Chase, Sr. 410-476-3333

We should work together to make these improvements:

1. Lack of Funds in our Treasure
2. 2017-2018 Budgets
3. Bringing and Keeping Businesses in Town
4. High Water and Sewage Rates, (which quick fixes is not the answer)
5. Working Relations with Customers that have Sewage or Water Problems
6. Working to get Citizens to Buy or Build Homes in Trappe



Thanks!

C. Donald English 410-476-3592

Seeking re-election for a seat on the Trappe Town Council

Facts about me:

Resident of Trappe for over 50 years

Married with three children, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren

Served four year in the US Marine Corps after graduation

Worked over 40 years in printing

Active member Trappe Fire Company for over 45 years and held multiple offices including President, Treasurer, Chief and others

Served in multiple town positions including Planning Commission, 15 years as Zoning Administrator, three previous terms on the Town Council.

As a supporter of term limits to prevent lifetime politicians, after a 6 year sabbatical, I returned in 2015 and was re-elected to a two year term. After reviewing the financial instability of the town, created by repairs to wells; a major break of the water line on Main Street; not meeting budget expectations with revenue; and extending the use of two lines of credit, hard decisions had to be made by the Council. One of which included an increase in water and sewer rates to fully cover the cost of the Enterprise Fund. With some additional modifications, the Town is now moving in a positive direction to better manage expenses and pay down debt.

My belief is that open communication and research allow for the best decision making policy.

Long term goals are to better attract technology and other small businesses to increase employment opportunities to residents and revenue to the Town.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

VOTE for C. Donald English on Tuesday, May 9th and allow me to continue to serve as your Councilman.



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Norman Fegel 410-476-4325

I have lived in the Town of Trappe for over 26 years. During this time I have served on the Planning Commission and as a Commissioner on the Town Council. Additionally, I served 3 consecutive terms as President of the Trappe Lions Club.



I am running for Commissioner because I believe the citizens of Trappe want individuals who are honest, ethical, display common sense and integrity, and will manage the Town responsibly. It is extremely important the Commissioners keep the Town fiscally strong and the best interests of the citizens and Town the top priority.

As the Lakeside development begins to move forward in Trappe it will be a challenge and necessity to integrate and blend the new with the old in order to maintain the character, history and uniqueness of the present Town. In other words, we will need to progress without sacrificing our roots.

The Town of Trappe has been, for the past 20+ years, fairly stable in growth and development, with the most significant improvement being the water/sewer upgrades during this period. As the Town grows it will require leadership, commitment and vision along with community involvement to ensure this growth is well managed, conforms to the Town's Comprehensive Plan and development guidelines and results in no cost to the Town's taxpayers. As an experienced Town Commissioner, I would like the privilege of continuing to serve the Town of Trappe as a Commissioner and ask for your vote on May 9th.

Nick Newman 443-786-2035

Hello all!

My name is Nick Newnam and I am a 34-year-old Town of Trappe resident. I currently reside on Harrison circle, and previously lived on Maple Ave. I have lived in the Town of Trappe for 3 years but have lived in Trappe my entire life. I am a member of the The Diefenderfer family, who is well respected in this community. I'm employed as a journeyman lineman for Choptank Electric and volunteer with the Trappe Vol. Fire Co. where I am currently serving as chief of the department. I decided to run for Town Council to help bring fresh ideas and solutions to the table.



As we all know the water and sewer rates have increased recently and the town is in a financial crisis. The streets are aging, and some of the water pipes are up for replacement. In September of last year, I had a problem at my old residence on Maple Ave that involved the town. Instead of the town fixing their portion of this problem, they changed the code so it all became my responsibility. That is no way for a town to run, in my opinion. If I am elected, I vow to the citizens of Trappe that I will listen to your concerns and do everything I can to bring back the Town of Trappe we all remember. It is time to start working together to pay off debt and start fixing the infrastructures of this town. This town is full of knowledge, and if I am elected I want your help in fixing these problems. If we all work together I am confident we can turn Trappe around and get us pointed in the right direction again. Out with the old, in with the new! Give me a call at 443-786-2035.