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*Have the courage to follow your heart and intuition. They somehow already know what you truly want to become.*

*Everything else is secondary. Steve Jobs.*

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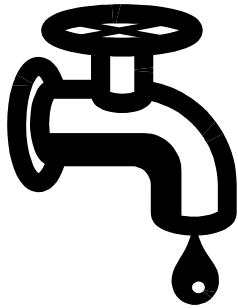
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### NEWS FROM TOWN HALL

- Town Meetings are held the first Wednesday of every month at 7:30 pm
- Planning Commission Meetings are held at least quarterly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7:30 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)

### \*\*\*WATER CUTOFF POLICY\*\*\*

Effective immediately the Town will begin to enforce the water turn off or cutoff policy that was adopted in the Town Code last year. Accounts will no longer be allowed to age 90 or more days past due prior to disconnection. Per the Town Code properties with water bills will be turned off when the bill is 30 days plus 14 days past due. On the 44th day past due water will be turned off. Balance in full must be paid before the water is turned back on. Please note this change in when water will be **disconnected**. Disconnects are subject to a \$35 turn off fee. Landlords should also note that the town code requires all rental properties to have water/sewer. Those rental units that have water disconnected for non-payment may be in violation of livability code and subject to revocation of the rental registration permit.



### OUTDOOR BURNING REGULATIONS

Section 3 of the Town Code outlines under what circumstances outdoor burning may take place within the town limits. Persons wishing to burn shall contact Talbot Co Emergency Services; an adult over 21 must be in attendance at the fire; the fire shall be 25' away from any structure with a 10' cleared perimeter around the fire; and the adult responsible for the fire shall have adequate fire extinguishing immediately on site such as shovels, rakes, hose lines, etc. Burning shall take place **after** 4:00 p.m. but before dark; winds under 10 mph; and shall not take place if a burning ban has been imposed by the State of MD. When the Trappe Fire Company is conducting a controlled burning and on site the above regulations shall not be required. If the fire or smoke becomes offensive or dangerous the Trappe Fire Department has the authority to extinguish the fire. Burning of dead animals, garbage or similar items is prohibited. Bonfires require written permission from the TVFD Fire Chief & notice to the Police Chief 48 hours in advance. Fines for violations may not exceed \$500.00 or 90 days in jail.



## 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  
Ph 410-476-3170 Fax 410-476-3192 www.trappemd.net

Wastewater Treatment Plant  
410-476-5297

Plant email is trappewwtp@verizon.net

Water bills are to be paid by the due date either in person, by mail or via on line banking. Faxing and copying services are available at the town office during regular office hours for a small fee.

## Spotlight on Town Employees and Service Providers



This is the first in a series of *Spotlight* articles on the organization and operation of our town government, the people who make it happen, and ways that you as a resident of Trappe can help keep our town the wonderful place that it is.

The most valuable asset of any organization is its dedicated employees and staff. These professionals are often unappreciated and seldom recognized for their outstanding contribution to our community so it is appropriate to begin this series with a big thank you to all our staff: Jeanie George, Town Office and Billing Clerk 12 years, Joedy Cecil, Town Clerk, 11 years, Steve Callahan Water Superintendent and wastewater plant operator 6 years, George Ball, Chief of Police 5 years, Jennifer Shull, Town Planner/Acting Zoning Administrator/*The Index* Design & Layout, and more 4 years, Kari Jo Diefenderfer, Police Dept Office, 3 years, Scott Ireland, Water & wastewater plant operator, 2 years.

Some services are provided by outside contractors who can get the job done more cost effectively. Legal services are provided by Brynja Booth, Esquire (Cowdrey Thompson PA). The Town Engineer is Trappe's own Jerry Adams, PE (Davis, Bowen & Friedel). Trash collection has been provided by Joe Thomas (Thomas Salvage) for the past 18 years. Thomas is believed to be Trappe's oldest continually operating business. Ronnie Wilson (R.S. & J. Excavating) can fix almost anything and comes running 24/7 whenever we have a water or sewer equipment failure that our own staff is not equipped to handle. Amalia Alarcon (Shining Home) keeps the Town Office and Police Headquarters "shining". Doug Abbott (Easton Utilities) is our supervising Wastewater superintendent. Blair Marth (Riverside Lawn Service) keeps our grass cut. Joe Mansfield (Mr. Rooter) has provided emergency and routine maintenance for our wastewater collection system for many years and Eric Bridges (Bridges Land Management) is our snow removal contractor. There are a number of other excellent contractors that we use as needed. Thanks to all!

Next month's *Spotlight* will be on our appointed and volunteer staff and the various boards on which they serve.

Robert Croswell, President, Council of Trappe

### HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR WATER BILL?

To better serve our customers with questions about water & sewer charges, past due balances, turn-off notices, and payment plans; please call Billing Clerk Jeanie George at the Trappe Town office before 12:00 noon Monday, Tuesday or Friday, or



before 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday or Thursday, 410-476-3170. Payments may be dropped off anytime or placed in the slot in the Town Office door.

### SUMMER TRASH HOURS

Trash pickup is one earlier in the summer! This started May 8th. Be sure to put your trash out on time.

### Permits Needed

Moving? Summer Cleaning? Plan to use a *dumpster* or temporary storage unit? The use of these items requires a permit. There is no fee for the permit obtained from the town office. These uses are temporary & permits expire in 90 days.

*Swimming Pools* require both a permit and are required to be fully enclosed with a fence at least 4' high with a self latching gate. Please get your permit before installing your pool! Think safety first and have a safe summer.

### SUMMER WARNINGS

Now that summer is here the following are a few tips to ensure a safe season: Always check the cords on air conditioners and fans for wear before using. Never use an extension cord to connect a window air conditioner. Check and clean fans. A fan that operates sluggishly upon starting could overheat and cause a fire if not serviced properly. Make sure any fan in use has all blades firmly attached, and grills in working order to protect little fingers. It's a good idea to check attic fans before they are needed as well. While it's tempting to leave a fan running while away from home-don't! The same goes for clothes dryers. Leaving these appliances on could become a fire hazard.



## Church, Community and School News



Pictured at left are:  
St Paul Preschool  
students:  
Anna Crist  
Kayden Sard  
Madisyn Moore  
Stella Pertrichenko  
Daniel Schwaninger

### Trappe United Methodist Church

Powell Ave, Trappe

NO Strawberry Festival this year.

Worshippers are invited to a fellowship after the regular service on June 10th. Country Breakfast 2nd & 4th Saturdays 7:30-10 am *Martha's Closet* is looking for a couple of 5' boards 10-12" wide suitable to use as shelving.

### St Paul's Preschool Students Help Others

Recently our students held a trike-a-thon to benefit St Jude's Children's Hospital. Applications are now being taken for the 2012-13 year. Call Lori at 410-476-4465

### St. Paul's Episcopal Church

#### HUGE RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, JUNE 9TH  
7 AM TILL 11 AM  
MAIN STREET



### COOL OFF—TAKE A DIP!

Talbot County Public Pools are open!

Pools are open the following hours:

George Murphy-Easton Thur-Sun 12-6 pm

Bay Hundred Sun-Sat 12-6 pm

Swim lessons begin June 25th.

Call 410-770-8050

[www.talbotparksandrec.com](http://www.talbotparksandrec.com)

### Gazebo Dedicated

On Saturday, May 19th Commissioner Rose Potter, the Council of Trappe, & residents came together to dedicate the new gazebo in Trappe Veterans Memorial Park. Commissioner Potter welcomed all who attended and recognized Armed Services Day & the sacrifices of all those that served in the time of war & peace. As part of the program Katelynn Cherry sang the National Anthem, the Union Baptist Church Trio sang a selection, Scout Troop 190 presented the colors, and Rev. Morrison of St Paul's blessed the gazebo. During the program WMES fourth grader Naomi Woolford was recognized, and presented a gift for being a semi-finalist in the Statewide Maryland Municipal League essay contest "If I were Mayor I would...".

The gazebo & park improvements were completed under the direction of Commissioner Potter & funded by a grant from the DNR Community Parks & Playground Program.



Above: Trappe Council Vice-President Walter Chase presents Katelynn Cherry and Naomi Woolford with tokens of appreciation at the Trappe Veterans Memorial Park.



## Old No. 1 Comes Home!

Trappe's First "Real" Fire  
Engine  
Found in Pennsylvania

Although word has it that  
Trappe may have had an

earlier fire apparatus built on an old Packard automobile chassis, this 1937 Chevy pumper was Trappe's first real fire engine. Years ago the old Chevy had to be sold to make room for more modern equipment. Some members of the Trappe Vol. Fire Co. have located Old No. 1 in Pennsylvania where she has avoided the scrap yard all these years. Actually she is in pretty amazing condition. Although not completely restored, the current owner has maintained her in running condition. She looks today pretty much as she did when she left Trappe (see current photo above). She still sports the Trappe Fire Co. name and No. 1 on the door.

This fire truck is a valuable part of Trappe's history that should be preserved. Old No. 1 arrived back home at the Trappe Firehouse on Sunday May 13<sup>th</sup> in time for the Trappe Vol. Fire Co. bi-centennial celebration. Please encourage our firemen in their effort to preserve this part of our community history.

Robert Groswell, President  
Council of Trappe



## Talbot County Fair July 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>

Talbot Ag Center  
Hinners Lane off Rt. 50  
Great Food & Fun For All Ages!  
[www.talbotcountyfair.org](http://www.talbotcountyfair.org)



## Mitchum's Market Presents

ICE CREAM AND HOTDOGS

Saturday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

A fundraiser to benefit the Nace's Day  
Celebration. Stop in during the fire-  
man's parade on Saturday night for a  
snack while watching the parade.



## Notes from the Rural Life Museum of Trappe

29241 Backtown Road ~ *Building Our Future by Preserving Our Past*

**YA'AL COME – Annual Friends and Visitors Day** .Please join in the fun on Saturday 6/16/12 from 10 to 3 – Food, Music, New Exhibits, and FUN. This year we are celebrating local baseball. **This is a free family friendly event**

**and all are invited.**

The Rural Life Museum was honored and happy to be the first station for bikers on the Tour de Cure to benefit the American Diabetes Association on May 19. Many riders stopped for a break, a snack, and a look at your local museum. A great event! Please call Elizabeth Ferguson (410-476-4857) about our Christmas House Tour – for additional information, to volunteer your home or to help others who have volunteered their homes. It will be fun! In addition to being open on Saturdays from 1 to 4, we will be happy to arrange a tour for you and your guests if this time is not convenient. Just call 410-476-3339, 476-4857, 476-4408, 476-5408, or 822-5180.







The new **Trappe Summer Youth Program** is an exciting opportunity for boys and girls ages 14 to 17. The program's mission is to provide our young people with supervised work, educational, recreational and charitable experiences. The program will run from June 18<sup>th</sup> to August 17<sup>th</sup>. Participants will work Mon through Thurs from 8am to 12pm on projects to include yard work, painting and other small jobs around town for both individuals and local business. Individuals and businesses will pay for these services however one of our goals will be to provide services to the elderly and disabled at little or no cost. Participants will be paid and will be covered by workers compensation insurance. On Fridays, the teenagers will participate in educational events (Rural Life Museum, Fire Hall visit) and recreational events. Our program goals are to teach good work skills, positive role models, promote community awareness and to keep our youth active during the summer months!

We would like interested citizens and parents to contact us for more information. If you have yard work or other appropriate projects for the young people we have a brief form for you to complete so that we can discuss the project further. Thank you for your interest. Please feel free to call David Lee 410-763-6551 (office) or 410-310-6360 (cell) or email him at [dlee@avondixon.com](mailto:dlee@avondixon.com)



### **POLICE CHIEF'S CORNER**

In an **EMERGENCY, ALWAYS CALL 9-1-1**. As always, if anyone has any questions, concerns or suggestions, call me at 410-476-5117 or 410-829-0613.

George Ball - Chief of Police

### **FIRECHIEF'S CORNER**

John Foster-President, TVFC FIRE DEPARTMENT  
www.trappevfc.com P.O. Box 86 Trappe, MD  
410-476-3535 (firehouse) 410-829-9073 (president's cell)



### **Trappe Fireman's Carnival June 20, 21, 22, & 23**

Opens each night at 6 pm and closes at 10 pm. WED & FRI are bracelet nights. Buy one & ride all night.

**Wednesday, June 20th**-Carnival opens-Bracelet night for rides-silent auction

**Thursday, June 21st**-Local entertainment-silent auction continues

**Friday, June 22nd**-Little Miss Trappe Contest 7 pm-Bracelet night for rides

**Saturday, June 23rd**-Parade at 6 pm-Miss Trappe Contest 8 pm-"Missed"

Trappe Contest immediately following-Trophies awarded about 9 pm.

Silent auction available every night and closes Saturday at 9 pm.

Come have dinner with us every night. Wonderful food available.

Raffles are:

**Seven Sisters Quilt**

**Money Raffle-1st prize \$500 2nd prize \$300 3rd prize \$200**

All chances are \$1 each or 6 for \$5

Prizes awarded Saturday night at end of the CARNIVAL

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JOHN FOSTER, PRESIDENT AT THE NUMBERS ABOVE.

Donations of baked goods for cake wheel and silent auction items appreciated.

# JUNE 2012

Spring being a tough act to follow, God created June.  
Al Bernstein

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Submit news item along with your water bill or send them to the Town Office or to Index editor, Ann Dorbin: 410.476.3910, trappeindex@verizon.net Priority is given to events within the Town of Trappe.			Office closes at 12:30 every Friday.		1	2 Siren Test
3	4	5	6 Town Council meeting 7:30 pm	7	8 Last Day of School	9 Trappe UMC 7:30-10:30 am Church Breakfast
10	11 Board of Education Meeting EHS	12 T-fest planning mtg 6:15 PC Meeting 7:30	13 LIONS Meeting	14	15 INDEX articles due	16 LIONS BBQ
17 FATHER'S DAY	18	19	20 First day of Summer	21	22	23 Trappe UMC 7:30-10:30 am Church Breakfast
Trappe Vol Fireman's Carnival June 20-23 *Parade Sat 6:00pm						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



## Fresh Local Produce

Thursday, 10 a - 6 p  
Friday, 10 a - 6 p  
Saturday, 8 a - 6 p  
Sunday, 10 a - 6 p

Opening day will be  
**June 16<sup>th</sup>**

### Produce Offered Throughout the Season:

- White Sweet Corn, picked fresh every day!
- Tomatoes
- Peaches
- Watermelons
- Cantaloupes
- Cucumbers
- Squash
- Red & White Potatoes
- String beans
- Blueberries
- Onions
- Sweet Potatoes
- Canaries
- Apples

At the light on Route 50  
& Main Street

**NEW FOR 2012!!!**  
Farm Fresh Brown Eggs!

Shawn D. Smith (410) 714-2414

[www.dannysproduce.com](http://www.dannysproduce.com)



## LIONS CLUB NEWS

Saturday, May 19th saw continued work on the concession stand behind Veterans Park. Skilled volunteers from the

Trappe Lions Club and St Paul's Episcopal Church worked for many hours installing new steel doors, ceiling materials, roofing, and did electrical work to get the building to like new condition. Lion Skip Marvel coordinated efforts that saw an amazing amount of progress.

"This is all because the guys wanted to save our concession stand, and were willing to work hard to make it happen." Skip reported. There is more to do before the stand welcomes its first customers in June. The Lions want to thank everyone who had a hand in the project.

Skip remarked, "It is truly gratifying to see every one working so hard to support the family friendly activities we have in Trappe. If this sounds like the kind of action you could be interested in, contact Drake Ferguson, President, Trappe Lions Club at 410-476-4858 or [Drake21673@aol.com](mailto:Drake21673@aol.com) Check out our BBQ at the corner of Rt 50 & Main St. Advance orders & free local delivery call 410-476-4858. Thanks to all who support this great event.

## Baywater Animal Rescue

4930 Bucktown Rd. Cambridge, MD 21613

### Baywater Animal Rescue Seeks Entries for Pet Photo Contest

Cambridge, MD---Is your pet the shining star of your family? Then, give him the fan base he deserves by entering him in Baywater Animal Rescue's Pet Paparazzi Photo Contest! Amateur and professional photographers are invited to send in submissions by June 20, 2012, accompanied by a \$15 registration fee per photo. Submissions can be submitted digitally via email to [photos@baywateranimalrescue.org](mailto:photos@baywateranimalrescue.org), or in person by delivering framed photos to Dorchester Center for the Arts.



The online contest includes opportunities for friends, family members and the community at large to support their favorite photo by casting \$1.00 votes. The photographer who raises the most vote money wins the online contest, and will have their winning photo featured on Baywater Animal Rescue's website. The online votes and entry fee can be paid on the website via the "Give Now" page. Votes and entry fees can also be mailed via check to: Baywater Animal Rescue, 4930 Bucktown Road, Cambridge, MD 21613. Submitted photos will be displayed at [www.baywateranimalrescue.org](http://www.baywateranimalrescue.org) from July 1st through July 31st. Voting will be closed after July 31st. The winner and runners-up will be announced the week of August 6th.

Framed submissions delivered to the Dorchester Center for the Arts will be judged by a panel that will consider the following criteria: quality of photograph, originality, composition and overall presentation. Winners will be chosen from three categories: Best Photograph Featuring a Single Pet, Best Photograph Featuring Multiple Pets, Best Eastern Shore Photograph. Contest entries will be displayed at Dorchester Center for the Arts July 5th through July 28th. An awards ceremony to announce the winners will take place at the Arts Center on July 26th at 5pm. Winning entries will receive ribbons, and will have their photos featured on Baywater Animal Rescue's website. Submissions should be delivered to: Dorchester Center for the Arts, 321 High Street, Cambridge, MD 21613.



Trappe LIONS gathered on Saturday, May 19th to continue work on the concession stand in the old ball fields located behind Trappe Veteran's Memorial Park on Main Street. *Photo by Drake Ferguson*