



TALK OF THE TOWN

May 2021

Town of Walkersville
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Frequently Used Phone Numbers

Animal Control: (301) 600-1546

Fire Company: (301) 600-9110

Code Enforcement: (240) 626-1243

MSP Resident Troopers: (301) 600-4152

Food Bank: (301) 845-4229

Library: (301) 600-8200

Post Office: (301) 845-8342

Rescue Company: (301) 845-8875

Sewer Dept. of Frederick County: (301) 600-2354

Bulk Trash

Collected for *in-town residents* on Saturday, June 12th, and Saturday, November 20th. All items need to be placed curbside after regular trash pick up on Wednesday.

From Code Enforcement

- Tall grass may not exceed eight inches in height.
- The Town will be **actively** and **aggressively** enforcing the Town Code.

In Town Curfew

It shall be unlawful for any minor to remain idle, wander, stroll, loiter, or play in any public place, either on foot or to cruise about without a set destination in any vehicle between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m., local time, Sunday through Thursday, and between the hours of 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m., local time Friday through Saturday, unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or other adult person having custody and control of such minor.

Water Rate Schedule

Consumption	In Town	*Out of Town
0-10,000 GAL	\$72.00	\$108.00
10,001-25,000 GAL	\$3.66/1,000 GAL	\$5.47/1,000 GAL
25,001-50,000 GAL	\$6.01/1,000 GAL	\$9.02/1,000 GAL
+50,000 GAL	\$7.79/1,000 GAL	\$11.68/1,000 GAL
Collection Fee	\$20.00	\$20.00
Reading Fee	\$10.00	\$20.00
Reconnect Fee	\$100.00	\$100.00
Replace Cap	\$50.00**	\$50.00**
Return Check Fee	\$35.00	\$35.00

NOTE: The May 2021 bills will include an additional \$25.00 special assessment charge. This was approved by the Burgess and Commissioners at the May 27th, 2020 meeting.

***OUT OF TOWN** includes Discovery, Glade Manor I, and Spring Garden Estates.

****2nd time** - cost of cap plus labor to install; up to \$300.00
IF YOU CANNOT PAY YOUR WATER BILL IN FULL AT ONE TIME - please make payments as you can. 1% interest is added monthly. Please put your account number on the check written.
RECONNECTIONS ARE DONE DURING BUSINESS HOURS ONLY!

Permanent Water Ban Information

Walkersville has a permanent, year-round water ban that prohibits lawn watering between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Park Pavilion Reservation Information

Reservations for all park pavilions require a rental fee of \$50.00 plus a separate \$75.00 security deposit. The security deposit is returned if the pavilion is left clean after your event. Pavilions have a capacity of 50 persons. The new large pavilion at Heritage Farm Park rents for \$75.00 and has a capacity of 100+ persons. The parks are open from 7:00 a.m. until sunset. Alcohol is allowed via permit only. Per Gov. Hogan's orders, it is required that masks be worn outside when you cannot be socially distant.

RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE

Rental forms can be found on our website.

Curbside Yard Waste Pick Up

Curbside yard waste pick up (for *in-town residents* only) is provided by the Town every Thursday beginning in March and going through November. Please place containers and bundles at the curb before 7:00 a.m.

Acceptable Materials Include;

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Branches no larger than 4 feet in length.

BRANCHES AND LIMBS MUST BE BUNDLED

Unacceptable Materials Include;

- Rocks
- Concrete
- Sod
- Soil
- Mulch
- Ashes
- Items in excess weight of 45 pounds
- Items in excess length of 4 feet
- Household hazardous waste
- Tires
- Regular trash

****Residents are required to place items in a recyclable paper bag or loose in containers clearly labeled "Yard Waste". Anything in plastic bags will not be picked up.***

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Recycling

A dumpster and recycling officer will be behind Town Hall every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Some Acceptable Recyclable Materials;

- Clean food and beverage cartons
- Any paper material WITHOUT a glossy finish
- Aluminum/steel cans and tins
- Clean glass, plastic bottles, tubs, jars, and jugs

Every other Monday is curbside recycling. This is done by Frederick County.

DID YOU KNOW?

Parks Commission meetings are held on the first Wednesday of each month.

Town meetings are held on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month EXCEPT for the months of July, November, and December. Only one meeting is held during those months. These meetings are also live-streamed on Facebook.

Planning Commission holds a workshop on the second Tuesday of each month and a regular meeting on the fourth Tuesday of each month. These are also streamed live on Facebook.

The Board of Appeals meetings are held, as needed, on the first Tuesday of each month.

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 7:30 P.M. AT TOWN HALL.

Water bills are mailed in May and November. They may be paid in cash, money order, or check and can be dropped off at Town Hall in the drop box.

Sewer bills come from Frederick County, and are mailed quarterly.

For your convenience, Town Hall has a drop box to the left of the front door. We encourage you to put your water bill, zoning certificate, or any other paper material that you may have, in it.

You must obtain a Town Zoning Certificate for the following improvements; new dwelling units; building additions; decks; swimming pools (inground or above ground if permanent); home occupations, propane tanks, signs; accessory buildings and sheds; fences; interior renovations/alterations; change of use, change of commercial tenant.

During the winter season, sidewalks must be shoveled by the resident within 24 hours after it has stopped snowing.

A tribute to our very own , Bob DePaola

*Originally from The Town of Walkersville Resolution 2020-05 - On
behalf of The Burgess, Chad Weddle, the Commissioners,
Town Staff, and the Citizens of Walkersville.*

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On behalf of The Town of Walkersville, The Commissioners, and our Town Staff, I would like to recognize the service and hard work of Robert DePaola as the Town of Walkerville Public Works Director and Water Superintendent.


Bob DePaola started with the Town on June 2, 2003. He oversaw the Town's water distribution system - the three elevated storage tanks, 22 miles of Town roads, maintenance of the Towns great park system, and reviewed new construction such as roads, curbs, gutters and sidewalks, to make sure they met the Town's 1997 design manual. Bob had dealt with droughts, water leaks, and the contamination by outside sources resulting in two water crises in 1999 and 2008, where the Town had to connect to Frederick County water sources.

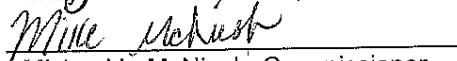
Bob had supervised the maintenance and water department staff of the Town, attended Town Meetings, and most importantly, he oversaw the design and construction of the new water treatment plant which is state of the art using membrane filtration and reverse osmosis technology.

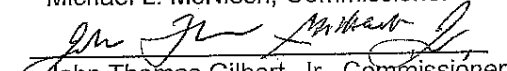
With all this being said, myself, the Commissioners, our Town Staff, and the citizens of Walkersville, would like to express our sincere gratitude to Robert F. DePaola for his service to the residents of The Town of Walkersville.

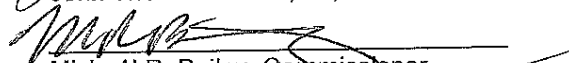
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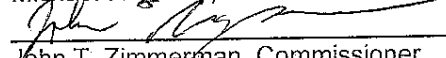

Chad W. Weddle , Burgess


Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis, Commissioner


Michael L. McNiesh, Commissioner

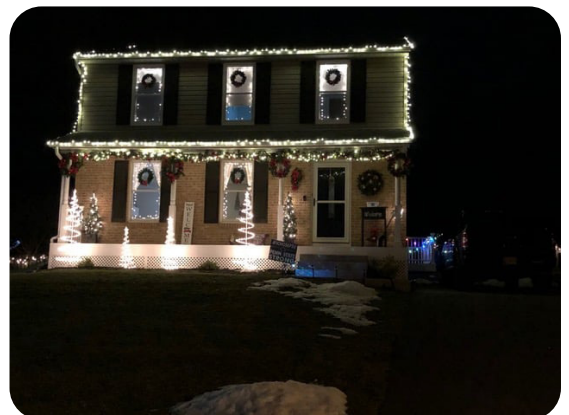

John Thomas Gilbert, Jr., Commissioner


Michael R. Bailey, Commissioner


John T. Zimmerman, Commissioner

Our Light Up Walkersville Winners!

Thank you to everyone who participated in the 2020 Light Up Walkersville contest. Congratulations to all our winners. Everyone's homes and businesses looked incredible.



Introducing Our New Public Works Director, Joseph Birch

On November 9th, we proudly welcomed our newest addition to Walkersville, Joseph Birch. Mr. Birch took over the Public Works Director position from Bob DePaula, who retired this December. He is very excited to give back to the community that he was born and raised in.

We were able to ask Joe some questions to get to know him better, and we thought we would share our findings with you all.



1.) *Where are you from and how long have you lived there?*

A: I am from Walkersville. I attended and graduated Walkersville High - class of 1979. After high school, I joined the United States Army, where I served for 21 years as a Combat Infantryman. When I retired from the Army, I was unsure of my next career goals, so I started working in the construction field. I eventually went to work for The City of Frederick and started a new career in utility work.

2.) *What drew you to the Town of Walkersville and this job?*

A: I have worked in the water and sewer utility field with the City of Frederick for the last 16 years. I held a few different job positions during my employment with the City, first being as a Foreman...



... in the Water Department, then a Project Inspector, and finally The Assistant Superintendent of Water Services. I am always looking to take on more challenging roles, and this position enables me to achieve that.

3.) *Tell us a little about you and your family. Do you have any pets? Any children?*

A: I have been married for 15 years to my wife, Rose of Mountaintale, and I have a daughter from a previous marriage, Chelsea, and a granddaughter named Sadi. We have a 10-year-old Rottweiler named DeeOGee (DOG) and a parrot named COCO.

4.) *What are some of your hobbies?*

A: I spend most of my spare time either doing woodworking at home or riding my motorcycle with friends. I am an active member/officer of The Lewistown Social Club in Mountaintale.

5.) *Finally, what are you most looking forward to when it comes to being Public Works Director?*

A: I am looking forward to representing my Hometown and working for the residents of the town. Walkersville is a great community and I hope we can continue to make it better.

Introducing Our New Code Enforcement Officer, Rick Mercer

In February, we warmly welcomed another new addition to Walkersville, Rick Mercer. Mr. Mercer took over the Code Enforcement Officer position from Donny Strawsburg, who retired at the beginning of the year. Rick is very excited to get started and do some good in this amazing community.

We were able to ask Rick some questions to get to know him better, and we thought we would share our findings with you all.

1.) *What drew you to the Town of Walkersville and this job?*

A: I've lived in Frederick County my entire life. My wife grew up here and graduated from Walkersville High School. I've always liked the Walkersville area. When I saw the job posting for the part-time Code Enforcement Officer, I knew it would be perfect for me. With my background, experience and forward-looking goals, this will fit nicely into my plans and current schedules.

2.) *What was your previous employment like?*

A: I retired from the Frederick County Sheriff's Office in 2016 where I was a sergeant at the detention center. After my retirement, I took a position with Carroll County Government as a county housing inspector. I held that position for almost a year until another opportunity presented itself that was closer to home and better for my situation at that time. Currently I have a great full-time job as the fleet manager and training supervisor for a security company.

3.) *What are some of your hobbies?*

A: ANYTHING outdoors! Hiking, fishing, camping. I love to be outdoors.

4.) *Finally, what are you most looking forward to when it comes to being Code Enforcement Officer?*

A: I'm looking forward to interacting with people and fixing issues and/or helping those in need. My entire work history has involved dealing with people. I've been a good mediator and problem solver and I expect this position will be a good fit for me...



Walkersville overall is a nice, clean, well-kept town. I'd like to do my part and address people's concerns when they arise and try to resolve issues to keep the town as I've known it to always be, or help make it even better!

We Want To Hear From You!

Do you have a business you'd like to see in our directory? If so, please email the following to;
Communications@walkersvillemd.gov.

- Business Name
- Business Address,
- Business Phone Number
- Business Email Address
- Business Website



Trade, Technical, and Vocational Scholarship Offered!

The Peg and Orley Bourland Educational Assistance Fund is **NOW** awarded **YEAR-ROUND** through Glade Valley Community Services and The Community Foundation of Frederick

This scholarship is to provide financially need-based funds for the post-secondary education in **trade, technical, or vocational fields** to help defray the costs associated with **tuition, fees, testing, tutoring, trade tools and supplies, etc.**

Applicants' Eligibility Requirements are;

- Must be a resident of Walkersville feeder school areas
- Must describe their financial need, career goals, and specify how the funds will be used
- Must be enrolled in an accredited post-secondary educational program
- Preference is given to applicants who are pursuing trade, technical, or vocational fields (NOT 4-year degrees)
- The award(s) can be any amount needed but will not exceed \$1000.00 per fiscal year (July 01 - June 30)
- Applications are due a minimum of 30 days prior to when the funds need to be paid

Applications are available at; Walkersville High School, The Career and Technology Center, Glade Valley Food Bank, Walkersville Public Library, Walkersville Town Hall, Woodsboro Town Hall, Frederick Community College, and The Community Foundation of Frederick. Print copies are available online at; www.gladevalley.org. For more information, please call GVCS Office at; 301.845.0213.



The Walkersville High School Alumni Association, Inc.

2021 Scholarship Information



Who Can Apply?

Walkersville High School
Graduating Seniors, Class of 2021



How Many Will Receive?

13 Scholarships Will Be
Awarded In Total



Who is Eligible?

The Scholarships (except the prior WHS recipient scholarship) are available to all 2021 graduates from Walkersville High School who will be continuing their education in a trade or vocational school or college. The applicants must be in need of financial assistance to further their education.



How Do You Apply?

Email: cweddle21705@yahoo.com for an application or obtain from WHS Find out First, Naviance, and Schoology announcements. All scholarship applications must be submitted via Naviance or emailed to cweddle21705@yahoo.com by 4:00 p.m. on May 3rd.

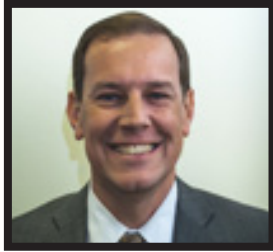
2021 Scholarships:

- (1) \$2,000.00 Intergenerational Scholarship for a graduate whose parent(s) or grandparent(s) graduated from Walkersville High School
- (2) \$1,500.00 scholarships honoring Coach Bill Talley for applicants with an interest in athletics/coaching.
- (2) \$1,500.00 scholarships honoring Lawrence "Tommy" Dorsey.
- (1) \$1,200.00 scholarship specifically for a graduate attending vocational/trade school
- (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship for a graduate with an interest in teaching/education
- (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship for a graduate attending Frederick Community College in the fall of 2021
- (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship for a graduate interested in nursing
- (1) \$1,100.00 scholarship for a graduate with an interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics)
- (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship for a graduate with an interest in education/journalism
- (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship for a graduate with fire/rescue service or FFA activities
- (1) \$1,000.00 scholarship for any prior Walkersville High School alumni scholarship recipient still enrolled in college/trade school

Questions?

Contact Chad Weddle via email (*see above*). The annual WHS Alumni Banquet will occur at New Midway Fire Hall on Saturday, October 23rd (*NOT IN JUNE*) due to COVID-19.

Walkersville Town Staff



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