



TALK OF THE TOWN

Summer 2020



Curbside Yard Waste Pick-Up

Curbside yard waste pick up (**for the in town residents only**) is provided by the Town every Tuesday from March 1st to June 30th. Then starting July 01 - November 30th, it will switch to Thursdays. Place containers and bundles at the curb before 7:00am on those days.



Acceptable materials include;

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Branches no larger than 4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter. Branches and limbs must be bundled.

Unacceptable materials include;

- Rocks and concrete
- Sod and soil
- Ashes
- Items in excess weight of 45lbs
- Items in excess length of 4 feet
- Household hazardous waste
- Tires
- Regular trash

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

Recycling

Dumpsters and recycling officers will be behind Town Hall every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 9:00am until 5:00pm. To see the full list of acceptable materials to recycle, please follow the link below.

Here is a small list of what is acceptable to recycle;

- Clean food and beverage cartons
- Paper, paper mail, and paper boxes (any paper material **WITHOUT** a glossy finish)
- Aluminum/steel cans and tins
- Clean glass, plastic bottles, tubs, jars, and jugs



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Monday - Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

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Walkersville: Our Town



Visit our website:

www.walkersvillemd.gov

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 Co.: (301) 845-8875

Sewer Dept. Fred. Co.: (301) 600-2354

<https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/310119/Recycling-Itemized-List>

Park Pavilion Reservations

Reservations for all park pavilions require a rental fee of \$50.00 plus a separate \$75.00 security deposit. The large pavilion at Heritage Farm Park rents for \$75.00.

**No reservations will be accepted over the phone.*

The parks are open from 7:00am until sunset.

The Walkersville Wire

Have you signed up for The Walkersville Wire? If not, it's super easy and we strongly encourage it! What is it? It is our means of communications via email and text message with anything regarding Walkersville the Town. We will keep you up to date with weather, COVID-19, and so much more!

- Head over to walkersvillemd.gov and click "The Walkersville Wire"
- Click "Sign Me Up" and create a username and password
- Fill everything out on the form - the more you fill out, the more information will be given to you!

If you have any further questions, please feel free to give us a call at Town Hall.

From the Code Enforcement Officer:

-Tall grass and weeds may not exceed eight (8) inches in height.

-The Town will be actively and aggressively enforcing the Town Code.

-Code Enforcement Officer can be reached at 240-626-1243

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.



Upcoming Event Dates:

SATURDAY, JULY 11 9:00am to 12:00pm - Shred Day in the

Town Hall Parking Lot

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6 at 6:00pm (Tentitively scheduled)

National Night Out at The Walkersville Volunteer Fire Company

Bulk Trash

COLLECTED FOR IN TOWN RESIDENTS ON THE DATE OF NOVEMBER 14TH. ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE PLACED CURBSIDE AFTER REGULAR TRASH PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY.

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

***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. This bill must be paid IN FULL before August 31st to avoid disconnection. Please put your account number on the check written.

Additional Note to Our Town:

We are very excited to announce that our Talk of the Town will be getting an extended version ONLINE! You will still be receiving all the important information with your water bills, however, we will be offering a larger version seasonally. This will be posted on our website and hopefully Facebook! Stay tuned!

A Letter from Burgess Chad Weddle:

Since the pandemic, the Town has continued to operate and provide the residents services like water, trash pick-up, and police protection. The Town, due to the county closure of the mulch pile, has contracted for weekly curbside pickup of yard waste. This occurs on Tuesdays until June 23rd. The next pickup will be Thursday July 2nd and then every Thursday. Please place items out on Wednesday night beginning July 01. This service runs March 1st til November 30th.

Trash remains on Wednesdays and again, we encourage you to place your trash out Tuesday evenings since pickup can occur beginning at 6am on Wednesdays.

Recycling through Frederick County is every other Monday, such as June 15th, June 29th, July 13th, etc.

Please sign up for The Walkersville Wire to stay up to date with Town events, water main breaks, road closures, etc. - sign up at Walkersvillemd.gov

The Commissioners' unanimously adopted a budget that LOWERS property tax in Walkersville from 16 cents to 14 cents per \$100.00 of assessed value. That results in a \$50.00 savings for a home assessed at \$250,000.00

The Town will be bringing online a new water plant soon. This new water plant is able to treat contaminants that shut the system down entirely in 1999 and 2008. The water system covers more than just residents in the Town of Walkersville. The water system bills every six months, not quarterly as most other municipalities and Frederick County does. Thus, most residents pay at least \$95.00 quarterly to Frederick County for sewer costs.

For water customers, you will see a \$25.00 assessment on your Nov. 2020 bill, and that surcharge will end no later than Dec. 01, 2022. This is to help the water fund while we assess the costs to operate the new plant.

The Town will be prioritizing capital work projects such as;

- Remodeling Town Hall to be fully handicap accessible in the meeting/voting area.

- Upgrading the 1972 maintenance area to provide covered space for all Town Hall equipment.

- Paving Creamery Park and the streets in Town.

- Increasing security camera coverage.

- Upgrading playground equipment.

- The Town also voted to add another Maryland State Resident Trooper to bring the total to six. This Trooper would not start until at least July 01, 2021.

- The Town has also added a new position called the Communications Specialist (please welcome Samantha Fowle) to help improve getting information out to residents through the website, The Walkersville Wire, and Facebook. We have begun Live Streaming meetings on the Town's Facebook page, and we hope to add YouTube soon.

- Shred day is Saturday, July 11th beginning at 9 a.m. and going until noon behind Town Hall.

I appreciate everyones patience and consideration during this pandemic as we all deal with a unique and novel virus.

~Chad Weddle.



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Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

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COMMISSIONER
CREAMERYPARK
ELEMENTARYSCHOOL
GILMORECTROUT

HERITAGEFARM
HIGHSCHOOL
MARYLAND
MEETINGS
MIDDLESCHOOL

TOWN
WALKERSVILLE

Word Search
Level: Beginner

Walkersville

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Sudoku
Level: Beginner

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A Note from Commissioner Mary Ann Brodie-Ennis



Walkersville is blessed to have so many parks within the town.

If you are not familiar with all of them, here are the names;

There is Heritage Farm Park (on Devilbiss Bridge Road), Walkersville Community Park (at the end of Kenneth Drive), Creamery Park (on Glade

Road), Memorial Park (located at five points, where Main and Frederick Streets intersect), and Trout Park (in Sun Meadow). Each park has its own unique qualities.

Heritage has wonderful sports fields, walking trails, pavilions, The Manor House, and beautiful barn.

Walkersville Community Park has tennis courts, basketball courts, pavilions and a walking trail.

Creamery Park is right in old town and is a walkable Park with a basketball court, playground and a pavilion.

Memorial Park is special because it pays tribute to all those area residents that have served in the military, through a memorial brick wall and war memorials.

It is also the home of Walkersville's Veterans' Day celebration. This is a special day we honor all of our veterans with special speakers, live band, appreciation gifts. It is a wonderful tribute, thanks to Donald Schildt and the Veterans Committee.

And finally, Trout Park is a nice neighborhood park with playground equipment for all the children that live in Sun Meadow and Fountain Rock.

We are also excited to announce there are many new things going on in our parks! The Barn at Heritage will be getting some much needed work beginning this summer. We look forward to how wonderful it will look when it is complete. Walkersville Community Park was given a fantastic bright new playground. You will find slides, climbing walls, musical instruments and more. There will be some new benches and walking paths coming to our Community Park.

Continue to be on the lookout for lots of new things going on with our parks throughout the year!

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Facebook Live Information:

We are super excited to announce that our Walkersville Town Hall meetings will now be live streamed! We recognize not everyone can make it out to the actual meetings so we thought, why not bring the meetings to you!

With each meeting, we ask that you visit over to our Facebook page:

Walkersville: Our Town (<https://www.facebook.com/WalkersvilleOurTown>) roughly ten minutes prior to it beginning. Once on our Facebook page, you will click on the video being played (it will save LIVE on it) and begin watching the Town Hall Meeting. It's important for us to get your feedback during and after the meeting,

so we ask that if you cannot hear well or are having a hard time seeing to please kindly let us know. We want these videos to be as seamless as possible and in order to do our best, we need to hear from you. These meetings will continue to be held LIVE regardless of whether or not Town Hall is open to the public. So, be sure to check your emails, text messages, and Facebook! Thanks!

Heritage Farm Park New Building Photos



Walkersville's Graduating Senior Class of 2020!



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A Note from Commissioner Michael Bailey

Gardening in the Time of COVID

Hello Walkersville neighbors and happy almost summer.

About a month into Governor Hogan's "Stay at Home order" my wife, Alana, and I decided to embark on a new adventure. One that has not only given me hope during this time but has also shed light on the great work that often goes unnoticed by members of our community. We decided to rent a garden plot at Heritage Farm Park.

Now for those of you who don't know, I was an Agriculture Extension Agent in the Peace Corps in Senegal for two and a half years. I worked and managed a hospital garden that provided produce to overnight patients. It was an incredibly fruitful garden. However, if you had seen the gardens I attempted to cultivate over the past three years, you would have strong doubts about the actual extension that I did. One year we only had jalapenos, like 100. Another year only tomatoes, again like 100. Maybe I was just better at growing things in the Sahel Desert.

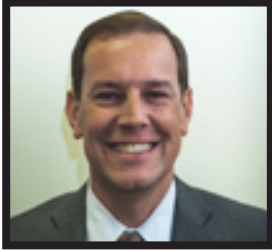
Therefore, I wasn't sure what to expect with this garden. What I found was a community of gardeners willing to help, converse, and share their knowledge. I also was astounded to learn that part, if not all, of the produce from three of the plots are used to provide produce to the Glade Valley Food Bank.

During this time of social distancing and isolation here are people (six feet apart of course) connecting with each other on a weekly basis and some working to provide produce for those in need. Whether it's sharing transplants or tilling a neighbor's plot to help with weeds (thanks Mark), the connection is real and meaningful. It's these connections that are going to help us get through this time and build lasting relationships as we move into the future.

Now we have a lot growing in our garden however, the verdict is still out if we get any produce from our toils. Regardless, it is still a joy to work the earth with my wife and kids and meet some incredible people in the process. If you're ever at Heritage Park and you see a short guy wearing a hat working plot 25, feel free to stop by and chat, it should be me. Let's connect, let's learn, and let's get back to the basics with our families and community.



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