

# TALK OF THE TOWN

Summer 2021

## Town of Walkersville 21 W. Frederick Street P.O. Box 249 Walkersville, MD 21793

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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, November 20th. All items need to be placed curbside after regular trash pick up on Wednesday. Please see our website for acceptable trash items.

#### 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

<sup>\*</sup>*OUT OF TOWN* includes Discovery, Glade Manor I, and Spring Garden Estates.

#### **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.

# \*RESERVATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OVER THE PHONE\*

Rental forms can be found on our website.

<sup>\*\*2</sup>nd 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!

## 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.

#### 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.

Reminder: Sign-up for The Walkersville Wire by heading to our Website; www.walkersvillemd.gov to receive updates from The Town!

# UPCOMING CONING CONI

Walkersville
Town Carnival

July 5th - July 10th

\*Fireworks will go off at dark on the 9th\*

Election
Day
September 13th
11 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Town Hall

Veterans
D.C.
Bus Trip
September 15th

Bulk Trash
Pick UP
November 20th
Have everything out
prior to pick up.

National Night Out August 3rd, 2021

For all upcoming events, be sure to check out our website; www.walkersvillemd.gov & Facebook; Walkersville:Our Town!

# The Whitmore-Zimmerman Building Dedication

On Sunday, May 2nd, The Town of Walkersville dedicated the new building at Heritage Farm Park as the Whitmore-Zimmerman Building. The name was chosen to honor the service of two Walkersville Residents.

Ralph W. Whitmore served as a Walkersville Commissioner for seven years and Burgess of Walkersville for seventeen years for a total of twenty-four years of service to the town. He saw the need for storage for the Glade Valley Athletic Associations' equipment that was being housed in the historic manor house. The new building will fill that need.

The building was also named to honor the twenty-two years of service to the town from Commissioner Debora L. Zimmerman. She served as the Parks Committee liaison from the Commissioners for her entire time as an elected official.

Both Whitmore and Zimmerman are members of the Maryland Municipal League Hall of Fame for their dedicated service.

Walkersville is blessed to have four hundred and thirty-seven acres of open space and parkland. One hundred and forty-eight are at Heritage Farm Park, fifty-two acres at Community Park, two acres at Creamery Park, two acres at Gilmore C. Trout Memorial Park (also named to honor a former Burgess), and two hundred and thirty acres of open space at the town watershed.

The Whitmore-Zimmerman Building will also allow GVAA wrestling members to have a place to practice. GVAA, which has eleven sports for Walkersville area youth, will celebrate its seventieth anniversary on July 11, 2022, when resident Harry O. Smith helped incorporate the group.

The Parks Commission generally meets on the first Wednesdays of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall.





# We Want To Hear From You!

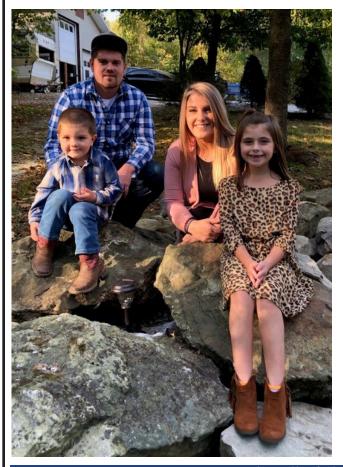
Do you have a business you'd like to see in our directory? If so, please email the following to; Communications@walkersvillemd.gov.

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



# Introducing Our New Maintenance Technician, Ian Orndorff

On May 3rd, we warmly welcomed another new staff member, Ian Orndorff, to Walkersville, this time to our Public Works Team. We are very excited to be expanding in that department and Ian should make an excellent addition.



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

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

What drew me to the Town of Walkersville was that it seemed like a great place to work and a place that appreciates all the things you do.

# 2.) Tell us a little about yourself! Where are you from? Family? Kids? Pets?

I am from the Emmitsburg, Maryland. I am also engaged and I have two kids.

## 3.) What hobbies do you have?

I love to be with my family and friends and spend time on the river.

# 4.) If you could have any superpower, what would it be and why?

If I had one superpower, it would be to be able to see underground.

# 5.) What are you most looking forward to when it comes to being our maintenance technician?

What I'm most looking forward to is being part of a great team on the public works crew.





The Town of Walkersville would like to congratulate all of the graduating seniors!

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams".



~Elenor Roosevelt











# From The Code Enforcement Officer:

Hello citizens of Walkersville. I would like to use this time to inform everyone of some important Town Codes that should be complied with.

Parking a vehicle across (blocking) the sidewalk is not only inconsiderate to people who need/want to use it, (people walking their dogs, walking themselves, people in wheelchairs, walkers and canes) but it's also a traffic offense and the Maryland State Police Resident Troopers will issue a \$60 traffic ticket. (SEE EXAMPLE A)

Parking against traffic is also a traffic violation. It's also called "left side to curb". This is unsafe when pulling out from the parking spot because you can't see oncoming traffic too well which could lead to a head-on collision. (SEE EXAMPLE B)

Watering of the lawn (garden hose or sprinkler system) between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. is against town code. The Town has a permanent water ban during those hours. Tall grass may also not exceed eight inches in height.

I would like to kindly remind citizens that my position as Code Enforcement Officer, is only part-time (10 hours a week), so there may be a slight delay of 2- or 3-days returning calls, emails or otherwise responding to complaints or comments.

And lastly, the Town will be actively and aggressively enforcing the Town Code.

I can be reached via email at; Codeenforcer@walkersvillemd.gov or my business phone; (240) 626-1243

Thank you.

#### EXAMPLE B



#### **EXAMPLE A**



# 2021 ELECTION

at; 301.845.4500

Thank you!



# Walkersville Town Staff



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Commissioner
Tom Gilbert



Commissioner
Michael Bailey



**Commissioner**Mike McNiesh

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Kelly Woods

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