

## News

- Channel 99 is now available to residents with local cable. This will be updated regularly with Town happenings and information.
- Sign-up for The Walkersville Wire at [www.walkersvillemd.gov](http://www.walkersvillemd.gov), to receive important, up to the minute updates from The Town.
- Now that Spring has arrived, please remember that Town code states that it is unlawful to allow grass, brush, or weeds to grow over 8", on any part of the property.
- Walkersville has a permanent, year-round water ban that prohibits lawn watering between the hours of 9am and 6pm.
- Please do not blow grass clippings in to the street or onto sidewalks. Grass clippings that are on surfaces such as blacktop and concrete, need to be swept or blown back onto residents' property. Grass clippings raise nitrogen and phosphorous levels in our water ways, and the decaying grass starts algae blooms that rob the water of oxygen that fish need to survive. It can also become a hazard for drivers and pedestrian traffic.
- Yard waste pickup, for **in-town** residents, will continue on Thursdays through December 14, 2023. Please place curbside Wednesday evening.
- Bulk trash pickup for **in-town** residents will be June 10 and November 4, 2023
- For residents that have pools, remember that if you are going to discharge any water from your pools this year, you need to dechlorinate and check the pH levels to ensure they are in the neutral range prior to discharging. Please do not discharge directly into the town's storm water system, or directly into the roadways. Discharge at a low rate and volume on your own property into a grassy area to allow the water discharge to infiltrate into the ground.
- The Town of Walkersville offers a Senior Tax Credit for homeowners age 65 and over. The amount of the Walkersville tax credit is 50% of the net Town tax. This is a supplement to the State's Homeowner Tax Credit and County's Senior Tax Credit, and all qualifications and limitations of these credits apply. The credit was effective with the July 1, 2021 real estate tax bill. When residents complete a State Homeowner Tax Credit application, it will apply to the State Homeowner Tax Credit, County Senior Tax Credit, and Walkersville Senior Tax Credit. If the homeowner qualifies for the County's Senior Tax Credit and resides within the Town's municipal limits, they will qualify for the Town's tax credit.
- Seniors will begin meeting again on Thursdays from 11-2, in the second floor meeting room of the Town Hall. For information and lunch reservations, call 301.845.7174

## Upcoming Events

- Walkersville Days - May 20, 2023
- Walkersville Fireman's Carnival - July 3-July 8, 2023
- National Night Out - August 8, 2023

## Completed and Upcoming Park Projects

- New walking path in Community Park.
- Creamery has received a new, inclusive playground, new half court basketball, resurfaced full court basketball, and new walkway.
- Sunshades near the playgrounds at Heritage and Community.
- Extended and resurfaced parking lot at Community Park.

## Zoning

You need a Town zoning certificate for the following home improvements:

- Building addition
- Interior alterations / renovations
- Decks
- Fences
- Swimming pools & hot tubs
- Accessory buildings and sheds
- Propane tanks
- Home-base businesses

You do NOT need a zoning certificate for roof replacements or repairs, siding replacement or repairs, patios, or play equipment.

To obtain a zoning certificate, submit the Zoning Certificate form, a plot plan and \$40 to the town for approval.

An approved zoning certificate must be submitted with your building permit application to Frederick County.

\*If you live in a neighborhood with an HOA, you should check your covenants as well.

## Veterans Committee News

The Veterans Committee likes to keep in contact with active duty military personnel. If residents would like someone added to the Veterans' list, please send names and addresses to [info@walkersvillemd.gov](mailto:info@walkersvillemd.gov).

2023 Events:

May 6-ARIA Ceremony

August 26-Veterans Picnic

September 13-Bus trip to Shanksville, PA Flight 93 Memorial

November 12-Veterans Day Ceremony

December 16-Wreaths Across America

Automatic Meter Reading (AMR), is a water meter upgrade that is being implemented throughout the Town of Walkersville. Some meters have already been upgraded to new meters, manufactured by Sensus, while others are on a master list to receive the upgrade. The AMR software program is in the final testing stages, and will go live at a later date, which will be communicated to the Town. The neighborhoods still in need of the upgrade are the following:

- Old Town
- Westfield
- Glade Towne
- Glade Manor I
- Glade Manor II
- Colony Village
- Fountain Rock Manor

Department of Public Works will notify residents when their neighborhood is being upgraded. At this time, appointments will only be scheduled for single-family dwellings. Commercial properties and multi-family dwellings may require specialized meters that are not readily on hand, and may incur additional fees.

#### WE NOW HAVE ONLINE BILL PAY FOR WATER BILLS!\*

In order to set up an account, residents must first provide a phone number to the Town office. Then visit [www.walkersvillemd.gov](http://www.walkersvillemd.gov) to register.

\*There is a 2.25% convenience fee to utilize this service.

#### \*\*WARNING\*\* DOXO utility bill payment

DOXO is a third-party bill pay service that is not affiliated in any way with the Town. DOXO will appear as an option for you to pay your water bill if you perform a Google search because they pay Google to ensure they are a top result. Please only use the link available on the Town website to make online payments. If you have any questions or concerns, kindly contact the Town Hall Office Monday through Friday between 8:30AM and 4:30PM.

Water meters are read on April 1 and October 1 of every year. Bills are mailed May 1 and November 1, and due June 1 and December 1, respectively.\*\* Payment is expected within 30 days of the billing date. Interest accrues at the rate of 1% per month on the outstanding balance. Failure to pay within a timely manner, could result in water disconnection. There is a \$100 reconnection fee during business hours.

\*\* A \$50 assessment fee will be added to water bills through November 2023, to offset the cost of the new water treatment plant.

#### WATER BILL ASSISTANCE

If you have difficulty paying your bill, please call the Town Office immediately to set up a payment plan. We will work out a payment schedule with you. You are subject to disconnection if your bill is not paid by the due date (i.e. bill dated 5/1 is due 6/1, bill dated 11/1 is due 12/1).

Glade Valley Community Services: 301-845-0213

Salvation Army: 301-662-2311

St. Vincent DePaul Society: 301-662-4676

Religious Coalition: 301-631-2670

LHWAP: <https://dhs.maryland.gov/office-of-home-energy-programs/low-income-household-water-assistance-program/>

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