

News

- The Annual Town Christmas Tree Lighting will be held at Creamery Park on Wednesday, December 6, at 7:00pm. Please join us!
- The Christkindlmarket and Parade will be held on Saturday, December 2, from 10am-3pm
- Channel 99 is now available to residents with local cable. This will be updated regularly with Town happenings and information.
- The online Town Code is now accessible through the homepage on the Town website.
- Sign-up for The Walkersville Wire at www.walkersvillemd.gov, to receive important, up to the minute updates from The Town.
- Now that Winter is upon us, please remember that Town code states that cars must be moved off the street when there is an accumulation of 4" or more of snow/ice. This allows the plows to safely clear the streets. Sidewalks must also be cleared within 24 hours after snow stops.
- Walkersville has a permanent, year-round water ban that prohibits lawn watering between the hours of 9am and 6pm.
- Weather permitting, street sweeping will be done November 20 and 21, with a rain date of the 22nd.
- 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 November 4, 2023.
- Park hours will be 7am to 5pm, beginning November 15, 2023.
- As leaves begin to fall, please make sure to clean them out of the street in front of your home. Leaves that are left in the gutters will get washed into storm drains, causing clogging of drain systems and flooding.

Meetings:

Burgess & Commissioners** - 2nd and 4th Wednesday
Planning Workshop- 2nd Tuesday
Planning Meeting - 4th Tuesday
Parks - 1st Wednesday
EDC - 4th Monday

**Only one Burgess & Commissioners meeting, on the 2nd Wednesday, in July, November and December.
Parks does not meet in July or December.

All meetings are live streamed, as well as saved, on the Town website.

Upcoming Office Closures:

- November 10 - Veteran's Day
- November 23-24 - Thanksgiving Day and the day after
- December 25 - Christmas
- January 1 - New Year's Day
- January 15 - MLK Jr. Day
- February 19 - President's Day
- March 29 - Good Friday
- May 27 - Memorial Day

Completed Park Projects

- New walking path in Heritage Park.
- Creamery has received a new, inclusive playground, new half court basketball, resurfaced full court basketball, and new walkway.
- 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.

-Submit a Zoning Certificate (found on the Town website), with 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.

2023 Events:

November 12-Veterans Day Ceremony
December 16-Wreaths Across America

The Walkersville Veterans Committee will be supporting Wreaths Across America as part of the organization's Group Sponsorship Program, in conjunction with Glade Cemetery. This is the second year the committee will participate in the National Program whose mission is to Remember the fallen, Honor those who served, and Teach the next generation the value of freedom. The goal is to support efforts that help unify our community and celebrate our freedom by thanking the veterans laid to rest at Glade Cemetery with placement of a live, balsam veteran's wreath on December 16, 2023. Those interested in sponsoring a wreath to support The Veterans Committee are invited to visit www.wreathsasscrossamerica.org/MD0550 or contact Deborah Wallace at 301-514-1347.

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. 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. Glade Towne will be the next neighborhood to have meter replacements scheduled.

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 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 upon receiving your bill, 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

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

Seniors

- Seniors meet once a week, from 11-2, in the second floor meeting room of the Town Hall. For more information, and lunch reservations, call 301.845.7174.
- 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.

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