



TRAPPE TIMES

Spring/Summer – 2019

TRAPPE BOROUGH HALL
525 West Main Street
Trappe, PA 19426
610-489-7181

www.TrappeBorough.com

TRAPPE BOROUGH – A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND RELAX WITH FRIENDS & FAMILY

TRAPPE'S HIDDEN TREASURE

Tucked behind the Speaker's House in Historic Trappe is a beautifully restored Pennsylvania German kitchen garden. Since 2016 Trappe residents, young and old, have enjoyed the garden every Saturday morning spring through fall from 9 am to 1 pm. The community is encouraged to stroll through the perfectly manicured garden with nearly 100 different plants. Every detail—from the heirloom vegetables, colorful flowers, and herbs growing in the raised beds to the hand-hewn locust fence posts—is historically accurate. With the addition of several beehives, local honey is now available at the Farmer's Market



adjacent to the garden. Visitors may also purchase free range eggs, swiss chard and other items including seasonal produce, artisanal sheep's milk cheeses and hand-felted wool items at the organic farm. Visit www.speakershouse.org/garden for more info



Monday
May 27, 2019

10AM – Parade
Noon – Memorial
Service

Water Works Park

The Parade begins at Augustus Lutheran Church and proceeds East on Main Street to Water Works Park. The remembrance and Memorial Service at Noon will be followed by food, and celebration. Special thanks to our friends at Collegeville Economic Development for Hosting this event in our community.

Community Day

At
WATER WORKS PARK

Saturday, September 14, 2019
 (Rain Date September 28, 2019)

10 am – 4 pm

Fun, Food, Rides, Vendors, Bubbles, Free Parking,
 Enjoy with Friends & Neighbors



With Deep Sadness

It is with deep sadness that we report on the sudden passing of Trappe Borough Council President **Nevin H. Scholl** while on vacation in Argentina earlier this year. Nevin was recognized throughout the community for his commitment to door-knocking and meeting residents face-to-face on election day at the Polls and at Trappe Community Days. Although he loved to laugh, Nevin was serious about sharing his professional expertise in finance, accounting and management in ways that saved money for the Borough. The Trappe Road Maintenance Program was formalized and executed under his leadership. As a member of the Collegeville-Trappe Municipal Authority and the Joint Public Works Committee, Nevin was diligent in finding opportunities to earn greater returns on our investments. He pursued efficiencies in government and was proud of keeping Trappe taxes and water rates among the lowest in the County.

Nevin moved to Trappe Borough in 2001 with his wife Deb and three children: Ben, Jeff and Amanda. He delivered Meals on Wheels and was a member of Augustus Lutheran Church. Nevin frequently attended events and fundraisers in support of Trappe Fire Company, The Speaker's House, The Historical Society and Keystone Grange. He was an Eagle Scout and a Certified Public Accountant.

Nevin would be honored if you too would step forward to Volunteer in this community he loved so much.

Tammy Liberi Re Appointed



At the February Council meeting, **Tammy Liberi** was appointed to fill the vacant Council seat through December 2019. During the 2019 election cycle, Voters will elect a candidate who will serve the remainder of that term through 2021. District Justice Kathleen Kelly Rebar administered the Oath of Office while members of the public and Council welcomed Tammy back. Liberi previously served on Council from 2012-2017.



Phil Ronca was elected unanimously to the position of President of Trappe Borough Council.

Trappe Fire Company - VOLUNTEER!

Trappe Mayor **Matthew Wismer** administered the oath of office to the leadership of the Trappe Fire Company while other Volunteer firefighters and EMS members joined in.

2019 got off to a great start with 2 new Volunteer firefighters and 2 new Fire Police joining the Company. The new members are already being trained at the

Montgomery County Fire Academy. **Fire Chief Brian Long** wants to get the word out that firefighters are needed for *interior* firefighting and *exterior* firefighting too. Both are necessary to work as a team to extinguish a fire. "At the scene of a fire, or other emergency, every member has an area of responsibility based on their level of training. It takes many hands to do the work, but it's a rewarding experience. We can find the right job for anyone." Interested prospects can contact Chief Long at BLong@TrappeFire.org.



IMPORTANT CHANGES TO YOUR TRASH & RECYCLING SERVICE

Trappe Borough's current three-year residential trash and recycling contract will expire at the end of June.

Advanced Disposal has again been awarded the contract as the lowest qualified bidder. A few changes, however, will be implemented with the new contract in an effort to continue a high level of service without increasing taxes.

* **Effective in July, each residential property will be provided a 95-gallon tote for trash.** * **In addition, a 64-gallon tote will be provided to accommodate residential recycling which will now be collected every other week.** Residents will receive more information in the mail or they may visit www.trappeborough.com or www.Facebook.com/TrappeBorough19426



**VOTER ALERT
NEW VOTING MACHINES**



PRIMARY - May 21st

GENERAL - November 5th

The Montgomery County Commissioners have approved a modern voter-marked paper balloting system which will be in use in 2019. Over the past several months, Voting Machine Demo Days have been held around the County to introduce voters to the new system which will create a verifiable paper trail that can be audited to ensure votes are being counted accurately. In most cases, voters will use a pen to fill out a ballot. They will have an opportunity to check the ballot for accuracy before submitting it to a scanner that tabulates the votes and keeps the ballots in a secure container for audits or recounts. The new system will replace the current electronic push-button voting machines in use since 1996

Each polling place will also have an ADA touchscreen machine that can be used to select candidates. When the voter is done filling out the ballot, the touchscreen machine will print out a paper ballot that the voter can verify before submitting it for tabulation. Voters are encouraged to visit: www.MontcoPa.org/VoterServices for more information

BOROUGH NEWS YOU CAN USE

- **ROADWORK:** Innovative Construction will return in 2019 as the lowest qualified bidder to continue the ongoing road maintenance program in Trappe Borough. Scheduled for mill and overlay in June are: Florenz Ave, East First Ave, Marian Rd, Ursinus Ave, Heritage Park Blvd, Sugar Hill Cir, and Linden Dr.
- **TRAPPE FIRE COMPANY:** Trappe Borough and Upper Providence Township are in preliminary discussion on how to best provide efficient and cost-effective fire and EMS to our adjacent communities.
- **STEP UP – VOLUNTEER:** Everyone likes a parade, party or community event but these things can't happen without volunteers like YOU! If you, as a Trappe resident, want these events to continue, and you'd like to volunteer to help, we'd like to hear from you. Call the Borough Manager Today!
- **NEW WATER METERS:** After successfully installing over 2,500 new water meters, the C-T Joint Public Works Department is down to the last 100 Trappe households. IF YOU still have an old inside meter, please call immediately. It only takes a few minutes and the new meter is FREE. 610-489-2831



Below are a few ANSWERS to frequently asked QUESTIONS from Borough Residents:

- ☑ The Borough Building & Code Inspector can do inspections any Monday, Wednesday or Friday between 8 AM and 11 AM. Call for an appointment.
- ☑ Borough Ordinance Chapter 184 outlines grass, brush and weed restrictions. The height shall not exceed 10 inches. Ordinances can be found through the Borough Website.
- ☑ Borough Ordinance Chapter 243 outlines property maintenance requirements.
- ☑ If a National Holiday falls on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday, trash collection will be Thursday of that week.
- ☑ In most cases, permits are required for decks, fences and sheds - the most popular summer homeowner projects. Check the Borough Website for more info.
- ☑ The Compost Site at 233 W. 7th Avenue is now open Saturdays from 8 am-4 pm. Beginning April 10, the site will also be open Wednesdays from 5:30 pm - 7 pm.

April 27 Saturday 9 am – Noon

Shredding Event – Fairview Village
Ambler Savings Bank (Host)

May 18th Saturday 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Shredding Event – Trappe Center
Merck Sharp & Dohme (Host)

June 1st Saturday 9 am – Noon

Anything With A Plug
Palmer Park, Skippack Township

June 15th Saturday 9 am – 3 pm

Household Hazardous Waste
Norristown Area High School

September 28th Saturday 9 am – 3 pm

Household Hazardous Waste
Spring-Ford 9th Grade Center

VISIT www.MontcoPARecycles.org
for more information

TRAPPE TIMES NEWSLETTER

Spring/Summer - 2019

TRAPPE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Phil Ronca, President
Cathy Johnson, VP
Tammy Liberi
Scott Martin
Stu Strauss
Pat Webster, Editor
Brett Yeagley

TRAPPE MAYOR

Matthew Wismer

BOROUGH MANAGER

Tamara Twardowski
Borough.Manager@trappeborough.com

EMERGENCY – DIAL 9-1-1

TRAPPE FIRE COMPANY & EMS

Brian Long, Fire Chief
610-489-2700, Business Office
www.TrappeFire.org

TRAPPE TAX COLLECTOR

Gretchen Lawson
610-454-7731
www.TrappePaTax.webs.com

Trappe Borough Hall
525 West Main Street
Trappe, PA 19426

DELIVER TO OCCUPANT OR RESIDENT BELOW