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Message from the Borough Manager

Dear Residents and Friends

It is hard to believe that we are already about halfway through the year and this year is moving fast!

Inside this issue you see updates on two of our biggest projects, the new Trappe Fire Station and the new Sisca Community Park and Garden located behind Borough Hall.

Our Office staff, along with your Council, continues to try and find balance within our community: managing growth, sharing resources, and providing more to the community. This year's road project will conclude the previous ten-year program. As we look into the next ten-year Road Improvement Program, we will be looking at better ways to extend road surface life and ways to help lessen the financial impacts to individual residents during these repairs. The Borough is focused on providing resources and implementing projects that will improve the lives of our residents.

I will continue to ensure that our community grows together, offering recreation and programing that fosters the best parts of Trappe and the residents that make up our community. The best part of what is happening right now in Trappe, and getting the opportunity to manage these activities, is not only are the current projects very exciting but the path we're on for the future is equally exciting. I truly believe this is a path for success and growth.

We have a lot going on right now, but I thank our residents and the Council for their support as we march forward.

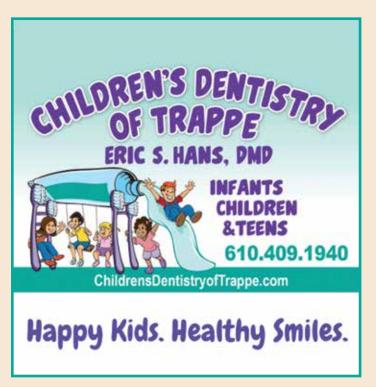
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COUNCIL MEETINGS: Council meetings are held on the FIRST TUESDAY of each month at 7:00 pm at Trappe Borough Hall. Two exceptions may occur in May and November when meetings may be moved to the second Tuesday to avoid conflict with primary and general elections. A copy of the meeting agenda for each council meeting is posted on the Borough's website the Friday before the meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION: The Planning Commission meets "as needed" on the THIRD TUESDAY of the month at 7:00 pm at Trappe Borough Hall. This group is responsible for making recommendations to Borough Council regarding the adoption of the official Borough map, the adoption and amendment to a municipal zoning ordinance, and all proposed subdivision, land development and storm water management plans. The critical task of the Planning Commission is to evaluate and ensure that all development occurring within the Borough adheres to our community's zoning and land development ordinances and complies with the Borough's Comprehensive Plan.

COLLEGEVILLE-TRAPPE MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: CTMA meetings are held on the FOURTH TUESDAY of each month at 7:00 pm. The meeting location alternates each year.

ZONING HEARING BOARD: ZHB meetings are held "as needed" when projects come before the Board for evaluation. The ZHB is responsible for reviewing and making decisions on the following issues: appeals from a decision made by the zoning officer; challenges to the validity of the zoning ordinance or zoning map; and requests for variances and special exceptions. Meeting will be advertised as required and posted on the Borough Website and Facebook pages.

CENTRAL PERKIOMEN VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION: The CPVRPC is a multi-municipal planning effort that includes the Borough of Collegeville, Trappe and Schwenksville, and the Townships of Lower Frederick, Perkiomen and Upper Frederick. The group meets on the THIRD MONDAY of every other month "as needed" starting at 7:00 pm. The meeting location rotates each year between municipalities.



Trappe Fire Station

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Sisca Park Official Ground Breaking

April 21, 2024 the Borough of Trappe officially broke ground on the new Sisca Community Park and Garden slated to open in 2025. Special thanks to all our honored guests and community members who were in attendance for the event. Borough

Council, Mayor Matthew Wismer, along with members of the Sisca and Long Families, representatives from Trappe Fire, Senator Tracy Pennycuick, Representatives Joe Ciresi and Joe Webster, and County Commissioner Thomas DiBello helped Trappe Borough Manager Marcus Dolny and the project team from Barry Isett and Associates officially mark the start of this fantastic multifaceted project. Trappe's Manager, Marcus Dolny, spoke of the ingenuity that went into the design of the new playground with an incorporated

stormwater management resource that will be fully inclusive, interactive, and educational. The project received over 1.2 million dollars in grants with the award covering over 90% of the costs.

Our residents can follow the progress of this project on Trappe Recreation's new Instagram page: TRAPPERECREATION















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Trappe And Collegeville Face Upcoming Challenges To Maintain Safe Drinking Water

EPA Sets Stricter Limits on "Forever Chemicals" in the U.S.'s Drinking Water

On April 10, the EPA set the limits on six "Forever Chemicals"—including PFOA and PFOS—that can be in drinking water to 4 parts per trillion. It also set the limits for other chemicals allowed--also called GenX chemicals—at ten parts per trillion.

Public water systems must monitor for these PFAS and have three years to complete initial monitoring (by 2027), followed by ongoing compliance monitoring. Water systems must also provide the public with information on the levels of these PFAS in their drinking water beginning in 2027.

Public water systems have five years (by 2029) to implement solutions that reduce these PFAS if monitoring shows that drinking water levels exceed these MCLs.

Collegeville and Trappe's water comes from groundwater. We are currently sourcing water from 9 wells throughout our two boroughs. All those wells have been in compliance with the DEP's previous limit of 14 parts per trillion set in 2023 except for one, which was just over the limit by 0.5.

Since last year, our Public Works Director, Joe Hastings, working with the Collegeville-Trappe Joint Public Works Committee, made up of six Council members from Collegeville and Trappe Boroughs, has been monitoring the Collegeville and Trappe wells on a regular basis. They have also been actively researching the best long-term remedies to reduce these contaminants.

However, this new announcement of EPA limits of only 4 parts per trillion requires additional analysis and a more comprehensive and costly remediation.

To identify the best solutions for Collegeville and Trappe's water, Public Works has commissioned further research and a revised system model from Entech Engineering, a firm which specializes in water treatment and environmental compliance.

Public Works has been looking at these potential solutions:

- · Install PFAS and PFOS treatment systems at the affected wells;
- Install an interconnect with North Penn Water Authority (NPWA) to supplement Collegeville and Trappe's water by installing a new 12-inch water main on Gravel Pike, or
- Install an interconnect with NPWA by installing a new 12-inch water main on 9th Ave.

They have also been actively looking into grants and loans to fund the changes needed to reach this new standard.

Residents should be assured that you do not need to boil your water or use an alternative water supply, such as bottled water. However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

If you have questions, you can call Public Works at 610 489 2831.

Additional background information from EPA: https://www.epa.gov/sdwa/and-polyfluoroalkyl-substances-pfas
Frequently Asked Questions https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/pfas-npdwr_qa_general_4.9.24v1.pdf
Reducing PFAS in Your Drinking Water With a Home Filter https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2024-04/water-filter-fact-sheet.pdf

Be In the Know

Stay up-to-date with notifications from Trappe Borough and Montgomery County by scanning the QR Code.







THANK YOU

Trappe Borough would like to thank the businesses that appear in this newsletter and to recognize them each as supporters and cornerstones of our community. It is with their contributions that this newsletter has been produced at no charge to our residents.



MANAGEMENT OF SWIMMING POOL, HOT TUB, AND SPA WATER DISCHARGES

This fact sheet addresses the discharge of water from swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas that are disinfected using chlorine, bromine, or "salt water disinfection," and that also may contain residual amounts of other treatment chemicals including algaecides. Servicing of a pool, hot tub, or spa often involves discharging all or a portion of the water or backwash water from filters, both of which may contain residual chlorine at levels that could be damaging to the environment. As such, these waters may be considered "polluted" (i.e., "wastewater"), and must be managed to protect public health and to prevent pollution to waters of the commonwealth such as rivers, streams, lakes, and including storm sewers. The purpose of this fact sheet is to describe acceptable methods of managing discharges from swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas to avoid causing pollution. Pool, hot tub, and spa water should not be allowed to directly or indirectly discharge to waters of the commonwealth, including storm sewers.

What substances in pools, hot tubs, or spas could cause pollution?

Chlorine and/or other disinfectants are typically added in sufficient amounts to kill potentially harmful bacteria. These disinfectants also react with other organic matter such as dirt, sweat, skin cells, leaves, and organisms creating potentially harmful disinfection byproducts. Other contaminants are added from the users, such as oil and grease from natural body oils and applied lotions and sunscreens. Chemicals commonly used in maintaining these systems, such as salt, borax, algaecides, phenols, caustic, and acid solutions, can be deadly to fish and other aquatic life. Backwashing of pool filters also contributes accumulated debris. All of these chemicals and materials have the potential to cause pollution and adversely affect public health and waters of the commonwealth.

What are acceptable methods for managing swimming pool, hot tub, and spa waters?

The best approach for managing these wastewaters is disposal into a public sewer system or at a sewage treatment facility, with authorization of the sewer system owner. A permit is generally not necessary to reuse or recycle pool wastewaters, but approval from the owner of a sewer system or sewage treatment facility is typically required. Some municipalities have enacted additional requirements related to discharges from pools. Contact your municipality if you're unsure whether additional guidelines exist.

What if no public sewer is available?

The wastewater can be drained and allowed to infiltrate into a vegetated area or used for on-site irrigation after these guidelines are met:

1. Shut off the chlorination/chemical feed system if there is one, or stop adding chlorine and chemicals.

- 2. Shut off the heating system, if there is one.
- Hold the water in the pool or hot tub to reduce the chlorine level to 0.5 mg/L or less (if applicable), and the temperature to an acceptable level (generally within 10° F of the air temperature).
- Test frequently the water may need to be held for 10 days or more depending on the surrounding conditions. Recirculating the water may help to speed up this process.
- 5. Adjust the pH, if necessary, to between 6.0 and 9.0 standard units.
- 6. Never drain the pool on a rainy day or if the soil is saturated.

When discharging on-site for infiltration or using the water for irrigation, ensure that:

- The water will not flow into a storm sewer or other water of the commonwealth.
- The water does not run off the property.
- Nuisances such as prolonged ponding, odors, and mosquito breeding conditions are prevented.
- The flow rate is slow enough to allow infiltration and does not cause erosion.
- Solids are captured by attaching a filter bag to the end of the discharge hose, if needed.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection

www.dep.pa.gov 3800-FS-DEP4251 Rev. 1/2018

May water from swimming pools, hot tubs, or spas be discharged to onlot septic systems?

No, pool water should not be discharged into or on the surface of onlot systems because the system is not designed for the additional flow and the contaminants could impact the operation.

May chemicals (e.g., strong acids or caustics) be used to clean my pool, hot tub, or spa?

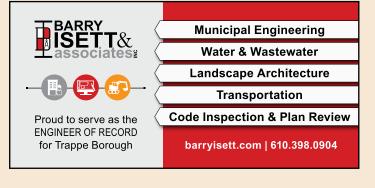
Yes, as long as the wastewater is captured or collected, properly treated and disposed of, and prevented from entering waters of the commonwealth, including storm sewers.

How should wastewater from cleaning my pool be handled, properly treated and disposed of?

Cleaning wastewaters that contain acid, caustics, or chlorine rinses used to clean pool surfaces should be treated prior to discharge. All wastewaters, but especially cleaning wastewater, must be neutralized to a pH between 6.0 and 9.0

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standard units. Chlorine rinses can be dechlorinated or should stand for a period of 10 days to allow chlorine degradation to a residual of 0.5 mg/L or less prior to discharge.

Any pool wastewaters that have unnatural cloudiness, color, oil film, solids, foam, debris, vegetation, algae, or are not or cannot be properly treated, should be collected and hauled to a treatment facility in accordance with the facility's guidelines.

What should be done with standing water that has accumulated in a pool?

Standing water, accumulated rainfall, or pool water from the previous season should be pumped from the top, but only if the chlorine residual and pH values are acceptable, to avoid

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discharged. After the water has been pumped, manually clean out the solids.

disturbing solids on the pool bottom, which should not be

Could someone who causes pollution by discharging water from swimming pools, hot tubs, or spas be penalized?

If DEP determines that the management of swimming pool, hot tub, and spa wastewaters has caused pollution to waters of the commonwealth, the responsible party could be liable for civil penalties up to \$10,000 per day under the Clean Streams Law

For questions and additional information, contact the Clean Water Program in DEP's regional offices:

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