



# Talk of The Town

Fall 2020



## Curbside Yard Waste Pick-Up

Curbside yard waste pick up (**for in town residents only**) is provided by the Town every Thursday through November 26th. Place containers and bundles at the curb before 7:00am on those days or the evening before.

### Acceptable materials include;

- Grass clippings
- Leaves
- Branches no larger than 4 feet long and 4 inches in diameter.
- Branches and limbs **MUST** be bundled together.

### Unacceptable materials include;

- Rocks and concrete
- Sod and soil
- Ashes
- Items in excess weight of 45lbs
- Items in excess length of 4 feet
- Household hazardous waste
- Tires
- Regular trash



Residents will be required to place items in recyclable paper bags or loose in plastic containers clearly labeled "Yard Waste". Anything in plastic bags will **NOT** be picked up.

## Recycling

Dumpsters and recycling officers will be behind Town Hall every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month from 9:00am until 5:00pm. To see the full list of acceptable materials to recycle, please follow the link below.

- Here is a small list of what is acceptable to recycle;
- Clean food and beverage cartons
  - Paper, paper mail, and paper boxes (any paper material **WITHOUT** a glossy finish)
  - Aluminum/steel cans and tins
  - Clean glass, plastic bottles, tubs, jars, and jugs



<https://www.frederickcountymd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/310119/Recycling-Itemized-List>

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### Monday - Friday

8:30am - 4:30pm

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[www.walkersvillemd.gov](http://www.walkersvillemd.gov)

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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 Co.: (301) 845-8875

Sewer Dept. Fred. Co.: (301) 600-2354

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# Park Pavilion

## Reservations

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Reservations for all park pavilions require a rental fee of \$50.00 plus a separate \$75.00 security deposit. The large pavilion at Heritage Farm Park rents for \$75.00.

- Per Gov. Hogans orders, it is required that masks be worn outside when you cannot be socially distant.
- The parks are open from 7:00am until sunset.

## The Walkersville Wire

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Have you signed up for The Walkersville Wire? If not, it's super easy and we strongly encourage it! What is it? It is our means of communications via email and text messaging with anything regarding Walkersville. We will keep you up to date with weather, COVID-19, and so much more!

- Visit our website, walkersvillemd.gov and click "The Walkersville Wire"
- Click "Sign Me Up" and create a username and password
- Fill everything out on the form - the more you fill out, the more information will be given to you!

## From the Code

### Enforcement Officer:

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- Residents are required to clear their sidewalks of snow and ice within twenty-four (24) hours after precipitation has ceased falling.
- It is unlawful to shovel, blow or place any snow into the street.
- Parking on town streets is prohibited when there is an accumulation of snow/ice of two (2) or more inches.
- When snow is predicted, please remove your car from the streets until the snow is plowed.
- In the event of unpredicted snow, please move your car from the streets promptly to accommodate the snowplows.
- Code Enforcement Officer can be reached at 240-626-1243

## Permanent Water

### Ban Information:

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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.

## Upcoming Event Dates:

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- National Night Out is CANCELLED for this year.
- SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20th beginning at 1:30 p.m. is the Annual Santa Parade done by the Walkersville Fire & Rescue Co.

## Bulk Trash

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COLLECTED FOR IN TOWN RESIDENTS ON NOVEMBER 14TH. ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE PLACED CURBSIDE AFTER REGULAR TRASH PICK UP ON WEDNESDAY.

## Water Rate Schedule

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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

\* The November 2020 and May 2021 bills will include an additional \$25.00 special assessment charge. This was approved by the Burgess and Commissioners at the May 27th, 2020 meeting.

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

\*\*2nd 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.

# *A tribute to our very own, Gloria Rollins*

*Originally from The Town of Walkersville Resolution 2020-03 - On behalf of The Burgess, Chad Weddle, the Commissioners, Town Staff, and the Citizens of Walkersville.*

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**O**n behalf of the Town of Walkersville, The Commissioners, and our Town staff, I would like to recognize the service and hard work of Gloria Long Rollins as the Town Manager for twenty-four plus years with the Town of Walkersville.

Gloria conscientiously and diligently performed her duties as the Town Manager under Burgess Orley Bourland, John “Lennie” Thompson, Jr., Ralph Whitmore, and Chad Weddle. She always was giving 100% and making sure the day to day operations of the Town were accomplished or to simply state “Run the Town of Walkersville efficiently and professionally for all those years.”

She oversaw the preparation, adoption, and auditing of the Town’s finances for all those years always earning a glowing report from the auditors and keeping Walkersville’s tax rate the lowest for any municipality over 2,500 residents in the entire State of Maryland.

Gloria supervised the staff of the Town serving as Personnel Director, putting together an agenda, attending meetings, supervising projects such as the Heritage Athletic Building and always getting the best for Walkersville parks through Project



With all this being said, myself, the Commissioners, our Town Staff, and the citizens of Walkersville, would like to express our sincere gratitude to Gloria for her service to the residents of the Town of Walkersville. She will truly be missed by all of us.

# Meet our new Town Manager!

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**O**n August 17th, we proudly welcomed our newest addition to Walkersville, Sean Williams. Sean is taking over for Gloria Rollins, our Town Manager, and he is very excited about this new opportunity with such an incredible community.

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

**1.) *Where are you from and how long have you lived there?***

A: "I was born in Philadelphia and then grew up in Abington, PA. I have been a Maryland resident now for over 24 years and my family and I currently reside in Hagerstown. We have lived there for 22 years"

**2.) *What drew you to the Town of Walkersville and this job?***

A: "I was intrigued by the job description and excited at the prospect of helping to run the town."

**3.) *Tell us a little about you and your family. Do you have any pets? Any children?***

A: "I graduated from Towson University in 1998 with a degree in Mass Communications..."

...Before stepping into this role, I was a Hospital Administrator for a large 24/7 emergency veterinary hospital for the past seven and a half years. I have been married to my wife, Beth, for almost 20 years and together we have three children. My daughter, the oldest, is proudly serving our country in the US Air Force, one of my son is a senior in high school this year, and my other son is in middle school. We also have cats and dogs; my son has a snake. Needless to say, we have had many animals over the past several years."

**4.) *What are some of your hobbies?***

A: "I thoroughly enjoy hiking, being outdoors as much as possible, and spending time with my family."

**5.) *If you could have any superpower for the day, what would it be and why?***

A: "Ability to fly. This may help me get over a fear of heights or potentially make it worse."

**6.) *Finally, what are you most looking forward to when it comes to being Town Manager?***

A: "I look forward to the many challenges of the position, working with the Burgess and Commissioners, and assisting the citizens of Walkersville."



# Introducing Walkersville's New Water Treatment Facility!

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The Town of Walkersville was concerned with the age, conditions, and operability of its water treatment plant located adjacent to the Public Works Facility. The original plant was over 45 years old and utilized pressure filtration, Ion Exchange Nitrate removal, Ion Exchange softening followed by disinfection. These older technologies use a significant amount of salt and add Sodium to drinking water. With the new facility up and running since the beginning of July, we have decided to do things differently to exceed Walkersville's water expectations.

There were numerous issues with the old plant. The salt bins, brine system for the nitrate removal, and softener units were in poor condition and had been a continuous maintenance problem for the Town. The filtration and ion exchange equipment were near their typical useful life cycle of 30 to 50 years. Some of the vessels had been repaired several times for leaks. The valves and instrumentation were outdated and had exceeded their useful life. Despite Town's continuous maintenance, excessive corrosion, and rust on the piping and treatment tanks were reported, which indicated they were near the end of their useful life.

The Town evaluated several options including upgrade of the old plant and building a new facility and decided to go with building a new advanced water treatment facility to address future demands and more stringent water quality regulations.

The basis of design for the new plant was established to pump out 1.0 Million Gallons per Day (MGD) and 1.5 MGD in the month of maximum use. This flow demand was viewed to be good for the next 30 years.

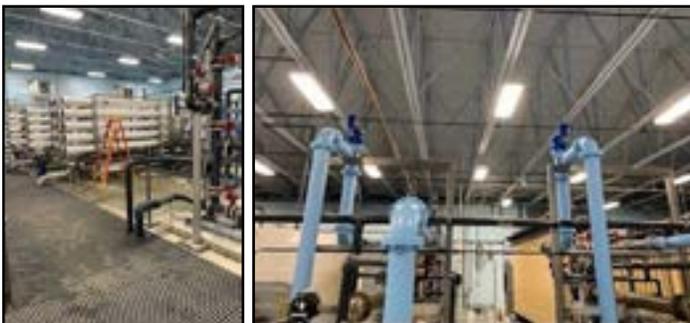
The new facility is an Integrated Membrane System (IMS), one of the first drinking water IMS in the State of Maryland, consisting of pretreatment for protection of membranes, Microfiltration (MF) for turbidity and pathogens removal, Reverse Osmosis (RO) for reduction of Nitrate and hardness, Chlorine primary disinfection, UV secondary disinfection, Fluoridation and post pH adjustment.

The finished water hardness has been very consistent in the 80-100 mg/L since the new plant came online. Water quality meets and surpasses all state and EPA requirements.

The decision to remove in-home softeners is not the Town's decision. It is up to consumers. We don't recommend the Town dictating or making a decision for the consumers.

In order to cost-effectively meet and surpass the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) water quality requirements, typically, 25 to 30 % of the filtrate from the MF is bypassed around the RO to reduce O&M costs and minimize chemical usage for pH adjustments. The current blend ratio is set at 28%, which will result in 90-100 mg/L of hardness and Nitrate levels of 2-4 mg/L, well below EPA maximum standard of 10 mg/L.

Since July 8th, the Water Treatment Plant has been successfully operating without any issues, meeting and surpassing all requirements and expectations.



# Information for our New Walkersville Citizens and Businesses

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**W**alkersville is home to approximately six thousand residents and roughly 45 businesses. It is important for everyone to know what is frequently asked on a regular basis while living in Walkersville. We encourage both new and currently residing citizens/businesses to check our website; [www.walkersvillemd.gov](http://www.walkersvillemd.gov) or to give Town Hall a call at;

301.845.4500 if they are in need of any questions answered. Below you will find a list of important and frequently asked questions;

## 1.) *When Are Town Meetings? Planning Commission Meetings? Board of Appeals Meetings? Parks Meetings?*

- Town Hall Meetings are scheduled every second and fourth Wednesday of each month. Planning Commission Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month. Board of Appeals hold their meetings (as needed) on the first Tuesday of each month. Parks Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month. All meetings are held at Town Hall in the Meeting Room towards the back of the building at 7:30 p.m.

## 2.) *When do Water Bills come out? How should I pay for them?*

-Water Bills are mailed every six months on May 1st and Nov. 1st. Bills may be paid in person at Town Hall, by mail, or placed with the payment in the "letter" slot outside Town Hall.

**WE DO NOT ACCEPT PAYMENT ONLINE.**

## 3.) *When are Sewer Bills due?*

-Sewer Bills are mailed quarterly (January, April, July, and October) by Frederick County. These bills should **NOT** be paid at Town Hall.

## 4.) *How does Trash Collection Work?*

- Trash collection is provided for in-town residents, the cost of which is included in your property taxes. Collection days are on Wednesday's. Place your containers and bags curbside on Tuesday evenings. Bulk trash is usually offered in June and November.

## 5.) *What is the number for our local State Troopers?*

- 301.600.4152 <-- Five MD State Troopers are provided to the Town of Walkersville and their office is located at the...

...lower level of Town Hall. If you ever have a true emergency, please dial 9-1-1.

## 6.) *How do we stay informed/up-to-date with Walkersville news?*

- We encourage all our businesses/town citizens to visit our website at; [www.walkersvillemd.gov](http://www.walkersvillemd.gov). Most questions can be answered there. We also encourage everyone to sign up with [The Walkersville Wire](#), which can also be found on the front page of our website. We also have a Facebook page that you can visit - [Walkersville:Our Town](#), we hold Town Meetings Live via Facebook, and a Twitter page: [@TWalkersville](#). Should you have any further questions, please give Town Hall a call at; 301.845.4500 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

## 7.) *How do I register to vote for Walkersville Elections?*

- You can contact The Election Board at 340A Motevue Lane in Frederick, or visit their website at; [www.frederickcountymd.gov/1198](http://www.frederickcountymd.gov/1198)

## 8.) *How do I get involved in the elections with Walkersville?*

- Town elections are held at Town Hall on the 2nd Monday of September every three years. The next election will be held in 2021. The board consist of a Burgess (Mayor) and five Commissioners. If you are interested in running for an elected position, please contact Town Hall for more information.



# A letter from Commissioner Tom Gilbert

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**F**all is upon us, and it feels great after a hot, dry summer. The Calendar lets us know we are coming down the homestretch of 2020, and who cannot wait for 2020 to be history? What a year!

In the Summer issue of the Talk of the Town, Commissioner Bailey shared his gardening issues. I, too, am a gardener. Having lived at my house on Hampton Place for two months short of 40 years, I have had my garden since the Spring of 1981.

Every spring, I plant a variety of vegetables with high expectations of a weed-free, bountiful harvest over the coming months. The annual vegetables (including, but not limited to, snap beans, potatoes, turnips, beets, onions, peas, tomatoes, and squash) are supplemented with perennial plantings, such as strawberries, red raspberries, golden raspberries, blueberries, and asparagus. Our garden measures about 25 feet by 60 feet, so not large by any means. We do have some double-cropping (which means a crop planted one after another in the same year).

Maintaining my garden is a metaphor for life. The annuals, like beans and onions, are planted in the spring, and if treated correctly, you can harvest them in a few months. These are what we would call short-term plants, which are similar in nature to short-term plans. For example, where and when to vacation, where and how to celebrate a birthday, or what to buy for Christmas. Mistakes can be remedied by replanting that same year or it could be a spur of the moment change.

The perennials, like the berries and asparagus, need continual care throughout the year. For example, this can compare to deciding when and where to retire or nurturing your spouse/children/grandchildren.

This goes back to gardening in a sense that, it could be thinning out because there is too much of a good thing with growth, sheltering them from the cold, fertilizing throughout the year, including weeding (meaning keeping undesirable plants out of the garden bed). It can be more difficult to change a long-term plant (and plan) rather than a short-term plant (plan). Once a decision has been made, it can take time and energy to complete.

As successful gardeners will tell you, one must be vigilant in the care of your garden if you want a good harvest. Which, much like life, you must be prepared to do the right thing in the moment and the long run if you want to have a successful garden.



# WALKERSVILLE KIDS

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*Sudoku: Intermediate Level*

# WALKERSVILLE KIDS



*Color Me: Advanced Color Page*

# Bridge Dedication to Sgt. Kenneth Krom

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The dedication ceremony to Sgt. Kenneth L. Krom was held on Tuesday, August 18th at 10:00 a.m. at the Walkersville Fire Hall. The ceremony was put together by his 1st cousins, Kathleen Sixx, Bonnie Sanders, and Linda Shields. Sgt. Krom was honored for his service in the military and had the Biggs Ford Road bridge over the Monocacy River named for him. The event was highly attended.



# Update on the Heritage Farm Park Building

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Front view of the new building.



Back view of the new building.

# Walkersville Goes Purple For National Recovery Month!

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# Walkersville Town Staff



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