MAYOR ROOP’S MESSAGE

During these challenging times, as we deal with the impacts of COVID-19, the Town of New Windsor will continue to provide essential services for our residents. During this period of social distancing, the Town encourages using a telephone, e-mail communication, and use of the “DropBox” rather than face to face interaction. The Town Hall will be closed to the public until March 31 when a reevaluation will occur. Anyone needing to meet with Town staff will need to make an appointment and answer screening questions per CDC guidelines.

In-home services such as water meter and or transmitter replacements will not be scheduled through the end of March. The Department of Public Works will reevaluate entering homes for non-emergency services on March 31, 2020. Town administrative operations not involving public contact will continue uninterrupted, though operationally the Town is taking precautions to safeguard the health of Town employees and mitigate the spread of the virus.

I’m sure most residents are using more disinfectant wipes during these challenging times. However, please do not flush these or any type of wipes down the toilet. This will only result in our sewer pumps becoming clogged, sewer backups which could result in raw sewage backing up into your home. Please dispose of wipes with your weekly garbage.

All attempts are being made to have our upcoming Town Council and Work Sessions streamed live on our Facebook page and YouTube. This may result in myself at the Town hall in front of a camera with Councilmembers and staff “attending” the meetings remotely. Notification will be made as we get closer to our April 1st Town Council meeting.

If COVID-19 is creating financial hardship and difficulty in the ability to pay your water and sewer bill, the responsibility is yours to call the Town Office for necessary arrangements to be made. This includes your bill for January 1 - March 31 and the next billing for April 1 - June 30. Please remember, online payments through your financial institution, credit card payments, and the dropbox by the Town Office front door are available. During this challenging time, there will be no water turned off for non-payment.

As we are facing some unknown and first-time situations, please assist when possible. This may include checking on your neighbor daily to see if they have any unmet needs. Check to see if you can run to the grocery store or pharmacy to get them food or their medicine. The New Windsor Food Bank at St. Paul United Methodist Church is closed to walk-ins. However, if you need or know of someone that needs food, please call Town Office (410) 635-6575, and necessary contact will be made with the food bank.

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If there are things that we are not thinking of, please bring it to our attention at Town Hall.

For updates from the State Health Department and Governor Hogan, go to https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/
https://governor.maryland.gov/

In closing, I want to commend our Town employees, who like everyone else, did not sign up to work under these challenging conditions. They are committed to continue working for you to maintain the high level of services you deserve and need to lead as normal of a life as possible.

“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, today is a gift of God, which is why we call it the present.”

Bill Keane

SULPHUR TRASHCANS

New Windsor, MD
TOWN CALENDAR

**Due to the COVID-19 situation please check our website and Facebook for changes to dates**

**April**
1. 1st day of Yard Waste
2. Town Council Meeting - 7:00 PM
3. Good Friday - Office Closed
4. Happy Easter!
5. Yard Waste
6. Work Session - 7:00 PM
7. Volunteer Beautification Day
8. Planning Commission - 7:30 PM

**May**
9. Yard Waste
10. Town Council - 7:00 PM
11. Shred Day (Parking lot of NWSB Bank 9am-12pm)
12. Happy Mother’s Day
13. Memorial Day Program
14. Work Session Meeting - 7:00 PM
15. Yard Waste
16. Memorial Day, Office Closed
17. Bulk Trash (At Geer Lane, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM)

**June**
18. New Windsor Carnival!
19. Yard Waste
20. Fireman’s Parade - 7:00 PM
21. Town Council - 7:00 PM (Changed due to NW Carnival/Parade)
22. Work Session - 7:00 PM
23. Yard Waste
24. Planning Commission - 7:30 PM

**Meeting dates and times are subject to changes. Please confirm dates and times at the Town website www.NewWindsorMD.gov**

Yard Waste Collection Reminders:
1. Yard waste can be put in brown paper yard waste bags (can be purchased at Walmart, Lowes or Home Depot).
2. Yard waste can be put into cans. Please make sure lids fit and holes are drilled in the bottom of the cans for drainage. Please no cans that are broken and or have sharp edges.
3. Tree limbs can not exceed more than 4 foot long and 4 inch diameter and must be tied into bundles.
4. Yard waste is not to be mixed into trash.
5. No bulk trash is allowed.
6. Call the Town Office to see if a dumpster is available during flooding events or inclement weather.
7. Please do not mix trash into yard waste or it will not be picked up.

BULK TRASH

**DATE CHANGE: SATURDAY, MAY 30TH**

Bulk trash is for large items that cannot go with regular trash, with the exceptions of paint cans, concrete, tires and building materials.

Accepting bulk metal, such as appliances, lawn mower, etc.

If residents wish to recycle computers and electronics they need to take it to the recycling center at the County Landfill.

If not they will be thrown in with the regular bulk trash.

Bulk trash must be brought to the Public Works facility located on Geer Lane.

**Save the Date for some New Windsor Spirited Tales!**

Saturday, October 24th

REMEMBER

Trash and Recycle are picked up on Tuesdays and please put trash and recycle out the night before.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Town of New Windsor is hosting a SHRED DAY!

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Time: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Location: Back parking lot of NWSB Bank,
213 Main Street, New Windsor, MD 21776

REDUCTION

Due to the COVID situation please do not mix trash into yard waste or it will not be picked up!

New Windsor Heritage News:

New Windsor Heritage is continuing the Archaeological Dig at the Springhouse off Greer Lane in New Windsor. Students from Shiloh Middle will be either digging at the site or can be found cataloging at the museum (if it is raining) on dates listed below. If your middle or high school student is interested in participating or if you’d like more information regarding the project, please contact Lisa Macurak at lmacur@carrollk12.org by the Friday before the event date. Students can receive service hours for participating.

**Digs will only take place if school’s are in session. If schools are closed, the digs will not take place**

- April 25th
- May 9th
- May 23rd
- June 6th

AND

The New Windsor Heritage Committee invites the community to come learn about our Archaeological Dig on April 25th at the New Windsor Heritage Museum located at 207 Main Street in New Windsor. See cataloguing of artifacts taking place and enjoy light refreshments! Then, proceed down to our dig site at the Springhouse off Greer Lane (weather permitting) to see our budding archaeologists at work!

New Windsor Carnival Time!

**Monday, June 1 - Saturday, June 6**

PARADE WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3 AT 7:00 PM

NWSB Bank, 213 Main Street, New Windsor, MD 21776
West Carroll Rec News

West Carroll serves New Windsor, Union Bridge, Taneytown and surrounding areas. Anyone interested in Rec Council programs or events is welcome to attend our meetings, which are held the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the Community Meeting Room in New Windsor.

April Meeting CANCELLED

Next Scheduled Meetings: May 11th & June 8th

Please see Facebook or our website for information & links to our Programs.

www.facebook.com/goWCRC
www.gowcrc.org

March 13, 2020 - The current COVID-19 situation has led to the declaration of a state of emergency in both Maryland and Carroll County. Effectively immediately, all Carroll County Recreation & Parks sponsored programs and events including all recreation council activities are cancelled, in addition to any meetings, through March 30, regardless of their location.

This closure also eliminates usage of school facilities by outside users (including all Recreation and Parks sponsored programs which includes recreation council activities). The suspension of community usage will remain in effect until schools plan to reopen on March 30.

All county parks will remain open during regular hours, sunrise to sunset. For those needing to interact with department staff, we encourage customers to utilize telephone and online communication if possible and direct access to staff may be temporarily limited to by appointment only. Please continue to visit us online or on Facebook for further updates.

March 17, 2020 - Effective at end of business today, as a part of Carroll County’s response to the current state of emergency regarding COVID-19, the following closures will be in effect: Piney Run Park will be open from 7am to sunset Monday-Friday only. The gate house and boat house will be closed and no boating will be allowed on the lake. Piney Run and Bear Branch Nature Centers are closed until further notice. Hap Baker Firearms Facility is closed until further notice.

Please continue to visit us online at ccrecpark.org or on our Facebook page (@ccrecpark) for further updates. For general information about West Carroll programs, contact Community Coordinator, Penny Rockwood at 410-775-1506. Another source to check for upcoming sports registrations is “RecZone”, found in the back of the Sports section of the Carroll County Times on Sundays.

The Census has started!

Town Residents with a PO Box you will NOT receive anything via mail from U.S. Census. Please see below on the options on how to take the Census.

1. Online: Visit www.2020census.gov and fill out the online survey for an instant count!
2. By phone: Call 844-467-2020. You will be connected with a Census staff member (in up to 12 languages) that will guide you through the survey and record your answers.
3. By mail: The Census will be mailed to your home. Once received, fill out the survey and mail it back. (Residents with P.O. Boxes will not receive a paper survey)

*** Every Marylander not counted costs the state approximately $18,250 over 10 years - this equates to the state losing $1 Billion (based on historical U.S. Census undercount.)

Beware of scams!! Census Bureau enumerators will have a valid identification badge with his or her photograph, a Dept. of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. Real Census employees won’t ask for your full Social Security number, for money or donations, or for bank or credit card numbers. If you suspect fraud please call the Census Bureau at 800-923-8282

The Census is SAFE!

• Data is collected for statistical purposes only and personal data is never disclosed.
• All census information is private and protected by law in Title 13 of the U.S. Code with violations punishable up to five years in federal prison and/or a $250,000 fine.

Important facts:
• All children must be counted including those under five (5) years old.
• College students should be counted at their college address, either on or off campus. They should be counted at their parents’ home only if they live and sleep there.
• Census is the basis for funding critical programs and services such as assisting in local decision making for economic development, school construction and transportation projects, as well as public health, public safety and emergency planning.

**Completing your census form ensures Maryland families, neighbors and communities receive the support they need to live, work, play and grow! 

****Non-response follow-ups will occur early April to late July****
The Move Over Law just does not apply here in Maryland, but as of July 2012, Hawaii was the last state to implement laws over law into the law books, making it a law in all 50 states. So while you are out driving around our nations roadways, and see an emergency vehicle with its emergency equipment activated, please take all this into consideration as we all want to go home at the end of the day. As always, drive safe out there.


Rules of the Road
Recently Carroll County has seen a large number of serious motor vehicle collisions within the county, especially Maryland 31 (New Windsor Road). Upon being on scene of several of those incidents, I want to take this opportunity to remind motorist of some very important “Rules of the Road.”

Let’s first start off with Maryland Transportation Article 21-405, which REQUIRES all vehicles to yield the right of way to all emergency vehicles with their activated emergency equipment. In this section it REQUIRES that all vehicles should pull to the right as close to the shoulder edge as you can and come to a complete stop until the emergency vehicle passes your location. However, please remember that when you do pull over to the right, that you do not block any intersections, as the emergency vehicle may need to turn onto that section of roadway. Remember, every second counts during an emergency. Violations of this transportation article could result in a $110 fine and one point being placed onto your driving record.

Secondly, when you approach a collision scene and the roadway is blocked off by emergency equipment, please do not go around said emergency equipment, until you are directed to do so by a police officer. If you fail to obey Transportation Article 21-103(a) that could result you a fine of $290 and one point being placed onto your driving record. Why is this important, well you could place yourself and first responders in danger when driving into an active incident scene. This is dangerous for all parties involved as the scene may not be declared safe. Please remember that when emergency vehicles are in place and have shut down a portion or the whole roadway, all traffic control devices are still active. What do I mean by this? Well if there is a stop sign, motorists are still required to stop at the stop sign before proceeding through the intersection. So please do not ignore any emergency vehicles including county or state road operation vehicles.

Lastly, a recent law in Maryland has been amended which will save lives. As of October 1, 2014, Maryland state law (TA 21-405(e2i) or TA 21-405(s2i)) REQUIRES that you slow down and move over one empty lane if available for emergency vehicles with activated emergency equipment that is parked along the side of the roadway. According to the amended law, emergency vehicles would include police vehicles, fire department apparatus including medical equipment, tow trucks, construction vehicles, and service vehicles such as trash collectors and utility company vehicles. Failure to obey these laws could result in a fine of $110 and a point being placed on your driving record.

According to statistics, between the years of 2000 to 2017, an estimated total of 1,553 first responders and service workers were killed after being struck by vehicles along our nation’s highways. The breakdown for those statistics is the following:

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ST. PAUL AND JOHNSVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EVENTS:

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Church Service is canceled until May 3rd for St. Paul United Methodist and Johnsville United Methodist.

Please check Facebook pages for updates.

May 2 - Pot Pie Sale Fundraiser – Orders due by Saturday, May 2. Call Karen Hevner @ 410-775-7627. Pick up orders on Saturday, May 9 from 2:00 – 5:00 pm.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School at Johnsville United Methodist will be held July 5 - 9, 2020 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm with Knights of North Castle as the theme.

Save the Date! Vacation Bible School at St. Paul United Methodist will be held August 10 - 14, 2020 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm with Knights of North Castle as the theme.