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MAYOR ROOP'S MESSAGE

I believe most everyone is ready to say goodbye to 2020 and say hello to 2021. What a year 2020 turned out to be. A virus no one could ever have imagined. A year of wearing a mask, maintaining 6-foot distancing, disinfecting, limited seating capacity, limited travel. A year of virtual meetings, virtual learning, restrictions, and regulations on entering public buildings, restaurants, funeral homes, hospitals, and the list of changes seem like it never ends. I'm sure to some degree, it took a toll on every one of us. On behalf of the Mayor, Council, and staff, I would like to recognize and thank the first responders who put their health and lives at risk while providing essential services.

While there were negatives that resulted from COVID-19, I feel there were a lot of positives. The Mayor on the Square Food Drive was the most successful in the five years I've been doing the food drive. We had more than 2 tons of food, over \$2,000, and about 75 coats donated. I want to thank everyone who supported this annual event. As a member of the New Windsor Lions Club and the New Windsor Fire Company, I witnessed tremendous community support on several occasions. The Lions Raffle, Fire Company Pit Beef, Ham, & Turkey sales, Crab Cake sales, Steamed Crab sales were extremely successful due to community support.

Our restaurants while receiving great community support this past year, continue to need your support. Our restaurants serve many roles, but most important is a gathering place for families, friends, and soon-to-be friends. They provide a forum for people to talk, argue, laugh, clink glasses, and enjoy the reality of where they live. Please continue to support our local businesses.

During these challenging times, if you or someone you know are suffering emotional or financial distress, please feel free to reach out to me for assistance. There is a tremendous number of resources available in New Windsor and Carroll County that provide assistance. All information will be kept confidential.

On an optimistic outlook for 2021, pencil in these dates. May 23 for our Memorial Day Service, June 7 -12, for the New Windsor Fireman's Carnival, and October 2 for Music on the Main. I hope we can soon put these dates in permanent ink.

Keep wearing the mask and stay safe. I wish you and your families a Happy and Safe New Year!

The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written. We can help write that story by setting goals. Melody Beattie

TOWN CALENDAR

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

January

- New Year's Day, Office Closed Virtual Town Council - 7:00 PM*
- MLK Jr. Day, Office Closed 18
- Virtual Work Session 7:00 PM* 19
- 25 Planning Commission - 7:30 PM, if needed

February

- Virtual Town Council 7:00 PM*
- President's Day. Office Closed
- Virtual Work Session 7:00 PM* 16
- 22 Planning Commission - 7:30 PM, if needed

March

- Virtual Town Council 7:00 PM*
- 15 Virtual Work Session - 7:00 PM*
- Planning Commission 7:30 PM, if needed

Meetings are held via ZOOM, Please confirm dates and times at the Town website www.NewWindsorMD.gov

November Town Council Recognition of Local Business Anniversaries

- Michele High Daycare 15 years
- Universal Forest Products (UFP) 15 years
- 7-11 25 years
- Immtech 25 years
- Munshaur's Upholstery 45 years
- Hartzler Funeral Home 90 years

****Christmas trees will be picked up on Wednesdays, January 6th, 13th & 20th.

Please have trees in front of your house for pick-up. Main Street residents should place trees in the alleys behind their homes. Be sure all decorations are removed.****

Friendly reminder, Daylight **Savings is March 14th**



DON'T FORGET TO BUY YOUR DOG LICENSE!

You can now purchase the new 2021 dog license at the Town Hall. You will need your dog's rabies certificate, which includes the rabies tag number and revaccination date. If your dog is altered you will need to show proof of spay or neuter.

Prices for Dog Licenses:

Senior Citizen (Altered) - \$3.00 Senior Citizen (Unaltered) - \$10.00 Altered - \$5.00 Unaltered - \$25.00

Late Penalty (Beginning March 1st) - \$10.00

Senior Citizen is age 62

Suggested Snow Emergency Off Street Parking

- Lions Park
- **Tennis Courts**
- Skate Park
- Atlee Ridge Pump Station

Check the Town Website and Facebook page for updates during Snow Emergency

NEW WINDSOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

All activities for the year of 2020 has been cancelled. However, please follow NWFD on Facebook for fundraisers and future events.

Lions Club Christmas Decoration Contest Winners!



Door winners

1st place - 306 High St. 2nd place - 3186 Vista Ct. 3rd place - 301 Lambert Ave.

Overall Decorations

1st place - 210 Church St. 2nd place - 2801 Graybill Ct. 3rd place - 2988 Union Sq.

Due to the Holiday and Post Office delays, water/sewer bills will be out later than usual. We are reading meters the week of January 4th and will be mailed out the later in the week or the beginning of the following week.

If you wish to have your bill e-mailed, please call the Town Office or e-mail Water/Sewer Clerk Kalena Bartoszak at kbartoszak@newwindsormd.org

Thank you!



Troop 582 St. Luke's (Winters) Lutheran Church 701 Green Valley Road New Windsor, MD Meets Mondays from 7-8:30PM

Sample of Recent Trips:

- Biked the GAP Trail
 (Pittsburgh to Cumberland)
 and C&O Canal
- Backpacking on the A.T.
- Rifle / Shotgun shooting weekends (<u>several leaders</u> <u>are NRA-certified</u> <u>Instructors</u>)
- Canoeing the James River AND Northern Tier

Why join Troop 582?

- Very active Troop
- Scout led but 7 active Scoutmasters to coach and guide
- Our Scouts and Leaders have won numerous cook-offs
- We like to camp, hike, bike, canoe & shoot, but we also know how to relax and enjoy a weekend in the woods!!

ATTENTION WEBELOS (AND PARENTS!!)

Come visit Troop 582 Meet the Scouts and Leaders We're looking forward to seeing you!!

> To learn more, contact: Jennifer Sumers 410-897-7547 sumersj@gmail.com



WEST CARROLL REC COUNCIL 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.

Please see website for possible alternate location of meetings and/or COVID restrictions

Next Meeting Dates: January 11th, February 8th & March 8th

WINTER & SPRING SPORTS

Without a clear end to the pandemic, we are hoping for the best and are still holding registrations. Programs may need to be flexible and not make rigid plans, but wait as long as they can to set practices, until they know what is possible given the current situation.

Visit our website: www.gowcrc.com

Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/goWCRC

Taneytown Monarchs Softball

https://www.leaguelineup.com/welcome.asp?url=taneytownmonarchs

or email us @ taneytownmonarchs@gmail.com

West Carroll Marauders Middle School and High School Girls Tackle Rugby

Now registering for the spring season at http://sports.bluesombrero.com/maraudersyr No experience necessary. Practices start January 14th on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:30 – 8:00 PM at the Shipley Arena in the Ag Center in Westminster. Contact head coach Gabby Balassone for more information at 915-249-5833/coachgabby@outlook.com or coordinator Tally Myers at talllya@verizon.net. See our website at www.westcarrollrugby.com.

West Carroll Marauders High School Boys Tackle Rugby Now registering for the spring season at http://sports.bluesombrero.com/maraudersyr We welcome all new players and no experience is necessary. Practices start January 14th on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, 6:00 – 7:30 PM at the Shipley Arena in the Ag Center in Westminster. Contact head coach Brad Rockwood at 410-259-6966 or boy's team coordinator Lucy Ambs at https://www.westcarrollrugby.com. See our website at www.westcarrollrugby.com.

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.

Snow Emergency Routes

The Town Code states parking is prohibited on designated Town Snow Emergency Routes whenever a Snow Emergency has been declared by the State Highway Administration or the Maryland State Police. Parking is prohibited until the Snow Emergency is lifted and the streets are cleared of snow. The parking prohibition applies to all vehicles including towed vehicles such as trailers and campers. Having the streets clear of parked vehicles during snow events allows the Town crews to clear the snow more quickly and is safe for the Town residents and staff.

Please be advised that Maryland Transportation Article 21-1119 authorizes law enforcement officers to ticket and tow vehicles parked on snow emergency routes when a snow emergency is declared. Violators of this transportation article could be fined \$70. Violator's will also be responsible for the tow bill, if the vehicle is in fact towed.

When a snow emergency is declared by the State Highway Administration, the Town of New Windsor will post the declaration on the Town's Website and Facebook page. Please remember to stay educated during snow events. Whenever you hear the weatherman call for snow, play it safe and just remove your vehicle from the street so you are not burdened later with cost associated with violations.

New Windsor Snow Emergency Routes

Old Town	Atlee Ridge	Blue Ridge
Blue Ridge Ave	Atlee Ridge Road	Clauser Court
Church Street	Jo Apter Place	Graybill Court
College Ave	Kaylan Court	Gullo Road
Lambert Ave	Kelsey Court	Miles Court
Hillside Drive	Overleigh Way	Murphy Court
Main Street	Vista Court	
Maple Ave		
Water Street		

Additional information and updates will be provided on the Town Website and Facebook Page.

What is the best way to clean snow from the sidewalks? Remove snow along the sidewalk adjacent to your property. Do not push snow from the sidewalk into the street. Clear the snow from around the fire hydrant if there is one in front of your property. You should move the snow to you front yard, behind the stoop line, or the grass strip between the curb and sidewalk if one exists. Where possible try to clear a path at least three feet wide along the sidewalk. Corner property owners should clear a path for bus stops.

We understand it can be frustrating when our plows push snow back over an area you already shoveled however, please read below to understand why this happens and how to resolve it.

Why do snow plows leave a ridge at the end of my driveway? Who is responsible for clearing the ridge? Snow ridges are an unavoidable after-effect of plowing streets, particularly in larger or heavier snow storms. Public Works must plow to create a passable driving lane. While this clears a path for traffic, it may leave a snow ridge. We appreciate this concern. However, residents are responsible for clearing any ridge in front of their driveway. We suggest driveways be cleared after street snow clearing operations are conducted, this means when the full road is free of snow back to the curb.

Cul-De-Sacs are extremely difficult to plow and time consuming. <u>THANK YOU to residents who live on Cul-De-Sacs for your continued patience and understanding</u>

Park cars in driveways: Parking cars in the driveway will allow snow plows to clear the snow more quickly, get streets plowed as wide as possible and avoid the possibility of damaging cars.

Clear sidewalks within 24 hours of the end of the snow: Clearing the sidewalks is the responsibility of the property owner. Town code requires the sidewalks to be cleared within 24 hours of the end of the snow.

Shepherd's Staff Blessings Closet at New Windsor

The Blessings Closet at St. Paul United Methodist Church will be open the second Wednesday of each month from 5:15 p.m. – 6:30 p.m., coinciding with the New Windsor Food Bank hours. They are accepting donations at their location on 200 Main Street in New Windsor. They will start by collecting paper towels, toilet paper, dish soap, trash bags, Pine Sol, and powder or liquid laundry detergent and will expand to more items in the future. Monetary donations will also be accepted. Donations will be received during their service times on 5:15-6:30 PM. To make an appointment to receive items, individuals should call 443-547-8850.

Food Pantry at St. Paul United Methodist Church

The Food Pantry at St. Paul United Methodist Church is open every week on Wednesday evenings from 5:15 – 6:30 pm. All our clients are requested to DRIVE to either the church or the Library Center parking lots and remain in their cars.

When you arrive, please call 443-974-0626 that will connect you to the food bank and they will direct you to your pickup spot. When you call the bank please provide your name, the number of persons in your family and any special request for food. When you call, if there are others in line before you, we will call you back and tell you when to come to the pickup spot.

Please be patient as we will serve you as soon as possible.

Johnsville United Methodist Church is Having a Soup Sale!

Johnsville United Methodist Church 11106 Green Valley Road Union Bridge, MD 21791

Soup sales by the quart
Orders due January 10, 2021
Pickup January 18, 2021 from 2:00PM - 5:00PM
Chicken corn \$7.00
Vegetable Beef \$7.00
Maryland crab \$9.00

Call Karen to place your order at 410-775-7627.

Spring Bake Sale March 27, 2021. 9-2 pm Cakes, Cookies, Pies, and candy

Thank You!

St. Paul United Methodist Church wants to thank the community of New Windsor and Union Bridge for their support of our Food Pantry. We have received many generous donations, both food and monetary contributions, which has helped us provide for our neighbors who are in need of extra help to provide food for themselves and their families. Many donations came in through the Mayor on the Square Day in November to help fill our shelves for the coming months.

Carroll County Sheriff News

It's that time of year again where the days are getting shorter and the cold weather is moving in which means winter is upon us. As we know, with winter comes the possibility of ice, snow, and cold weather.

According to the Farmer's Almanac for the 2020 / 2021 winter season we are in store for a seasonably cold, wet, and white season here in the northeast. Not only that but the writers referenced a major snow event which will strike us in February which could produce two feet of snow.

With that said, I thought this would be a great time to remind everyone of some safety tips before hitting the roads this winter season. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) drivers should follow these recommendations before hitting the roads.

- Know your vehicle's safety features.
- Read the owner's manual to familiarize yourself with the safety features installed on your vehicle.
 - Examples of these features are antilock brakes and electronic stability control.
- · Service your vehicle and check for recalls.
- Visit your trusted mechanic to complete a tune up on your vehicle.
- Make sure you have fuel or that your battery it is fully charged if it is a hybrid electric vehicle.
- Stock your vehicle with emergency items in case you get stuck.
- Snow shovel, broom, and ice scraper.
- Abrasive material such as sand or kitty litter.
- Jumper cables, flashlight, and warning devices such as flares or emergency markers.
- Blankets for protection from the cold.

A cell phone with a charger, water, food, and any necessary medicine (for longer trips or when driving in lightly populated areas).

Now that you have the above checklist completed, now it's time to hit the road. According to the NHTSA you should remember the following while traveling in the winter wonderland.

- STAY HOME and only go out if necessary.
- Always buckle your seatbelt.
- SLOW DOWN
- It is harder to stop or control your vehicle on slick or snow-covered roads.
- Allow safe distances between you and other vehicles in case you lose traction.
- Don't crowd a snowplow or drive beside it.
- Remember snowplows travel slowly, make wide turns, stop often, overlap lanes, and exit the roads frequently.

Keep in mind that if you are behind an active snowplow, the roadway will be safer to travel on. If you find yourself in a winter emergency, like being stopped or stalled in wintery weather, the NHTSA recommends the following:

- Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself.
- Put bright markers on the antenna or windows and keep the interior dome light turned on.
- Avoid asphyxiation from carbon monoxide poisoning by not running your vehicle for long periods of time with the windows up.
- If you must run your vehicle, clear the exhaust pipe of any snow.
- Run it sporadically only long enough to stay warm.

Call for assistance

Hopefully, these helpful tips will help you this winter season. As always, be kind, stay calm, stay healthy and stay safe out there.