

Grantsville News

Message from the Mayor

Many things are happening in our great town and we will try to bring you up to date on them with this newsletter. The LED streetlights continue to be installed and are bringing the town savings on our utility bill. Sidewalk updates for ADA compliance are being completed by the State of Maryland. Also, the Rt. 495 and 40 intersection had an updated crosswalk installed to go along with this project to beautify and modernize our town for pedestrians. The Town Hall and Museum are benefiting with lower operating costs thanks to the County. We are receiving broadband access allowing us to have faster and lower cost internet. Both of our new phone systems are also internet based. We will be working with them in the future to provide upgrades in the town park. We are constantly looking at our aging water and sewer infrastructure and trying to discover ways to keep it operating efficiently and in compliance with the ever changing regulations. In association with the National League of Cities, a product they offer will be presented to residents for covering your lines connecting to the town systems. You will find an article with more detail in this newsletter. We are trying to look at Economic Development in our area and recently had a study completed on rental housing in our area. It is available on our homepage and brought some interesting insights into our town and unique opportunities for development of housing to keep or attract residents.

As always, "Thank You" to the State of Maryland and Garrett County Government for your assistance in many of our projects and also to everyone who serves on committees, council, and all town employees for the great jobs they do to keep Grantsville moving forward.

Mark

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Things to Remember

Recycling Magazines and Newspapers: Please use white garbage bags for newspapers and black bags for magazines. They are picked up curbside the first Tuesday of the month.

Bulk Trash: We will pick up large items curbside such as hot water heaters, furniture, refrigerators, etc. Residents will need to purchase bulk trash stickers for \$5 each. Contact Town Hall to schedule pick up. Items with freon (freezers, refrigerators, and air conditioners) will cost \$10.

Yard Waste: The Town will remove lawn clippings, small limbs, and yard debris for \$1 per garbage bag, \$10 per small truck load, and \$20 per dump truck load.



Little Crossings Holiday Market and Christmas in the Village

The annual Holiday Market and Christmas in the Village will take place beginning Friday, December 7, 2018 from 4PM to 8PM. The event will continue on Saturday, December 8 from 12PM to 8PM.

Little Crossings Market will also be open on Sunday, December 9th from 10AM

to 2PM. There will be music at the Village Church on Friday and Saturday. Free Admission for all events and free shuttle service will run from Grantsville Elementary School to Penn Alps on Friday and Saturday.

A great place and event to shop local!!!

*It's the most wonderful time of the year!!
Merry Christmas!!!!*

Tree Lighting

The Annual Tree Lighting will be held at the Community Park on December 7th at 7:30PM. There will be cookies and hot cocoa and caroling too! Please join us!

Light Judging

Monday, December 17th at 7PM. Prizes for Residential and Commercial.

Utility Service Partners, Inc.

In the near future you will be receiving a letter from USP to offer insurance coverage for the customer's part of water and sewer line repairs. And also coverage for inside plumbing issues that may arise. The town is only responsible for issues that happen on the main lines. Service lines are the responsibility of the property owner. This company offers low cost insurance coverage for such instances. Please take a moment to look over the literature you receive and decide if you would like to take advantage of one, two, or all three types of offered plans. You will not be bombarded with mailings or calls from the company, they have assured the mayor and council of this. Please contact them or town hall with any questions you may have. Thank-You!!!



Don't forget to like the Town of Grantsville Facebook Page!!

Updating Contact Information

The Town continues to update contact information for our water/garbage customers. This information will be helpful in the event of a water leak at your property.

Please either email Robin at info@visitgrantsville.com or include a note in your next payment envelope. The information we are requesting is a phone number and email address (if you have one to provide). You may also call Town Hall Monday thru Friday between 8AM and 4PM with your info.

The town's utility billing computer program has the ability to "go paperless" by emailing your monthly bill to you. If you are interested in receiving your monthly bill by email please let us know and we will complete the steps to make this possible.

We will also be checking into the possibility of accepting credit/debit card payments for your monthly bills.

Community Park

Park Upgrades: The town has been awarded a Program Open Space Grant and we will be refinishing the tennis courts and replacing the picnic tables in all three pavilions. Another project that is in the works will be the construction of a paved walkway from Miller St. to the Veteran's Memorial.

Pavilion Rentals: The park offers 3 sizes of pavilions that are available to rent during the summer months. Pavilion #1 accommodates 100 people at a cost of \$100. Pavilion #2 accommodates 60 people at a cost of \$80. Pavilion #3 accommodates 250 people at a cost of \$150. To reserve a pavilion for your family reunion, birthday party, or graduation party, etc. please contact Robin or Susie at 301-895-3144.

Park Lights: The softball & tennis lights can be activated by a phone call or on a website. Softball are \$25 per hour. Tennis are \$8 per hour. Please contact Robin to set up an account.

Office Closures

December 25, 2018

December 26, 2018

January 1, 2019

February 18, 2019

April 19, 2019

Spring Forward!!

Don't forget to change
your clocks on March
10, 2019.

General Housekeeping!!

Snow Removal

The Town Employees make every effort to remove snow from our streets as quickly as possible. If you see a plow coming, please make room for them to get through. We also provide snow removal on the town sidewalks, but only if time and conditions permit.

Leash Law and Pet Etiquette

Also remember that Grantsville has a leash law and is bound by the Garrett County Animal Control Laws. Animals are to be on a leash at all times. Please clean up after your pet at the Community Park. Dogi-Pot Bags and trash containers are provided for your convenience. Our children play there in the summer months and this can become a health issue if not properly disposed of. Please make sure your outdoor pets have access to water at all times.

Fences, Accessory Structures, Etc.

If you are building anything new on your property, please contact town hall to see if you will need a building permit to do so.

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**Check on your elderly neighbors
throughout the winter months!**

**Also, take special precautions with
your outdoor pets. Bring them in
when temps fall below freezing!! If it
is too cold for you, then it is too cold
for them!!**

**The Mayor , Town Council, and
Town Employees wish you a
Merry Christmas and A Happy
New Year!!!**