

Notes from the Mayor

Welcome to the Fall! And with the change of seasons, comes more change to Betterton. Please welcome our new Town Manager, Mrs. Elizabeth Greenwell and our new Town Clerk, Ms. Sheila Dlugoborski. Elizabeth comes to us with a background as an educator and has jumped in with both feet to hit the ground running. Sheila, who takes over after Mrs. Shirley Crater decided that she wanted to ease back on her workload and retire, comes to us with previous experience as a Town Clerk for Rock Hall. She has also hit the ground running and both are working hard to keep the Town moving forward. Please stop by the office and welcome them.

Speaking of the office, we have changed the hours that the office is open. The new hours are listed below and were done to have the office open on a more consistent basis. Also, this is the first billing with the new Water and Sewer Rates, which were raised in anticipation of the cost increase from the construction of the new Wastewater Treatment Plant.

The new rates are:

Water - \$59.50/quarter

Sewer - \$142.50/ quarter

(For the first 12,000 gallons of usage).

For each 1,000 gallons of usage over the base amount, the current \$15.00 /1000 gal. charge will be added.

Note that these rates apply to those served within Town Limits. Those served outside of Town Limits will pay at the standard one and one half times the new rates. As for the new wastewater treatment plant, construction is progressing and they are working to a completion by August of 2018. With an estimated cost of \$10,050,336.00 and a 16 month construction time frame, this new plant will reduce the nitrogen and phosphorus content of our effluent aiding in the goals of improving the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries.

Again to reiterate, that the construction site access is restricted to authorized personnel only. Any unauthorized personnel may be charged with trespassing. Also, due to the site design and security requirements, the gravel lane that had connected Third Avenue and Second Avenue at Glenn Street will be closed. It will no longer open to the public as a thoroughfare through the Town property.

That's all for now,

Mayor Satton



Betterton Beach
Photo Credit: Brittany Longworth

Days to be Remembered

Trash Pick-Up: Mondays

Yard Waste Pick-up: Mondays through the end of November

Recycling Pick-Up: Tuesdays

Town Office Holiday Closures

October 9th

Columbus Day

November 10th

Veteran's Day

November 23rd & 24th

Thanksgiving

December 25th & 26th

Christmas

January 1st

New Year's Day

Town of Betterton Welcomes New Staff



Sheila Dlugoborski, Town Clerk

Sheila joined the Town in August. She has lived in Kent County all of her life. She has previously worked as a Town Clerk. She enjoys hunting, fishing, spending time with family/friends, and going to the beach. She is excited to get to know the residents of Betterton.



Elizabeth Greenwell, Town Manager

Elizabeth joined the Town in late July. She and her family moved to Betterton over the winter. Her doctoral work is in Special Ed. She taught for 16 years and was also a school administrator. She enjoys writing, going out to dinner, and spending time at the beach. She is excited about the opportunity to serve the Mayor, Council, and Residents of Betterton.



Dan Parent, Public Works

Dan Parent joined the Public Works department in July. He has been a resident of Betterton all of his life. He has helped Marcellus and Wayne over the summer with grass cutting and town maintenance. He is retired from WL Gore. He enjoys fishing and hunting with his grandson.

Extended Office Hours

The office is now open two extra hours per day!

Office hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

8 am – 3 pm

The office is closed on Wednesday and Holidays.

Council meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. All are invited to attend.

Trash Update

Please leave your Charlie's trash receptacle at the curb for Monday pick-up. As a courtesy, Charlie's will pick up an extra bag if it's left in a 30-32 gallon container with lid at the curb. Loose bags & multiple trash containers will NOT be picked up. If you consistently have more than 1 Charlie's container of trash, please contact the town office. We appreciate your attention to this matter to keep our town beautiful. **Please note that trash is NOT picked up on holidays that fall on a Monday & will be picked up on the next day.**

Betterton Day was a success!

The Town of Betterton had fireworks on the evening of Friday, August 4th sponsored by the Betterton Volunteer Fire Company.

Betterton Day, August 5th, included a parade, crafts, vendors, and a cow-plop bingo on Saturday. Dick Story was the announcer during the parade, Daytripper played live, and Brittany Longworth offered free Acupuncture sessions.

Locals and those from nearby towns came together to enjoy food, music, and a good time.



Families lined the streets to wait for the parade. Photo credit: SG Atkinson



Fireworks Friday Night overlooking Betterton Beach. Photo Credit: Stephen Cherry



Local Residents Misty Mett & Giosue Greenwell wait for the parade.



Dick Story looks on as his granddaughter, Ryann Marchetti sings the National Anthem. Photo Credit: SG Atkinson



View of the parade as it passes by. Photo Credit: Stephen Cherry

In the Community

Lion's Club Horse Race

November 4th at Betterton Fire House.
(Tickets in Advance only)

American Legion Bingo

Sundays

Doors open at 1 pm

Bingo at 2 pm

Paperback Exchange

Drop off a book....or pick one up to read. Little Library Boxes are located around town.

Local Happenings this Fall



Photo Credit: YolanC, cgbug, & creepyhalloweenimages.com



Betterton Youth Group – Back in session!

All kids ages 6-16 are welcome to come. Children under 6 may come if a parent stays. Youth Group is held in the basement of Betterton United Methodist Church on Main Street. Enter through the door to the right. Contact Patti Bone for details (443) -298-0057

Upcoming dates: October 6th

October 20th (optional - dress up for Halloween)

November 3rd

November 17th

December 16th

Halloween Fest at the American Legion

October 13th Auction Doors open at 6 pm, starts at 7 pm

Free - All are welcome to attend

October 21st Costume Dance 8 pm – Midnight \$18 per person, \$30 per couple

East Roc band, Beer, finger foods, cash prizes, cash bar. Must be 21.

Sponsored by the Auxiliary. Benefits ALA Scholarship Fund.



Christmas Wreath Workshop

American Legion

Saturday, December 2

10 am – 1 pm

\$15

Decorate your home with a lovely wreath you create with instruction from Holly Harris McCloy. Join your friends and neighbors for a fun workshop and luncheon available from the American Legion.

Interested? Here is what you need to do:

- **Call** the town office at 410-348-5522 to register **by November 17**
- **Bring** garden gloves, wire clippers, garden clippers, and any greens to share (all other supplies will be provided)
- **Show up** on December 2 at The Legion and have fun!
- **Questions?** Call Joan Zellers at 410-348-2364

*Sponsored by the Betterton American Legion,
Betterton Community Development Corporation,
and the Town of Betterton*

BCDC Notes

This has been a very successful season for the Betterton Heritage Museum. A record number of visitors stopped by to learn more about the history of Betterton. Thank you for your support. The Museum will be open on Saturdays and Sundays from 1:00 - 3:00pm until October 29. Stop by for a visit.

The Betterton Fishing Ark will be a part of the Rock Hall Fall Fest on Saturday, October 14. Stop by for a tour of the Ark when you are in Rock Hall.

The Betterton Train Show will be open Saturday, December 16 and Sunday, December 17.

The Train Show is held at 3 Third Ave (next to the Post Office). The show begins at 10:00am each day and the last train leaves at 4:00pm. The trains are from the collections of several Betterton model train collectors. See some American Flyers, Lionel Trains, and other interesting trains. Admission is free, but donations are accepted.

Did you know?

Fall is a great time to plant a tree. There is a list of native trees in the link below:

<http://dnr.maryland.gov/forests/Pages/MarylandersPlantTrees/Recommended-Tree-List.aspx>

Also from this link, you can print a coupon for \$25 off the purchase of a tree that costs \$50 or more. As a reminder, tree removal in the critical area requires a permit. Also, if a tree is taken down in the critical area, a new native tree with a minimum of a 2" inch trunk must be planted in the next planting season. Contact Elizabeth at the Town Office if you have any questions.

Update of Information

We are updating our files....

Please return to Town Hall by October 31st

Names of Owners_____

Nicknames (if applicable)_____

Mailing Address_____

Physical Address_____

Home Phone_____ Cell Phone_____

Email(s)_____

Is your home rented? Yes No If yes, please have Renter provide information below:

Name of Renters_____

Nicknames (if applicable)_____

Mailing Address of Renter_____

Home Phone_____ Cell Phone_____

Email addresses of Renter: _____

Water/Sewer Bills and Tax bills are always sent to the Homeowner.

Do you want a copy of the water/sewer bill sent to the Renter? Yes No

Please note the Town of Betterton will not share your email address or phone number with anyone without your consent.