

QUEENSTOWN NEWS

March 2015

WATER & SEWER:

- **WWTP:** Construction of the new wastewater treatment plant is still moving along. There have been a few delays due to the snow this winter, but the contractor and town will work to make up the days lost. The project is slated for completion by the end of this year.
- **METERING:** As you know, all water is currently monitored through the water meters, and subsequently you are charged for both water and sewer based on that amount. We have received several requests for an alternative source of monitoring outdoor water usage, such as an additional meter, or even the installation of a shallow well. The Commissioners have looked into the option of shallow wells an alternate source for watering lawns, washing cars, etc. However, per the Queen Anne's County Health Department, these will not be permitted. The Commissioners will continue to look into other alternatives.
- **HYDRANT FLUSHING:** The Town's contract water operations firm, Miller Environmental, Inc., along with Town employees, will be flushing fire hydrants town wide on Thursday, March 26, 2015, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Flushing is anticipated to take approximately 4-6 hours. Rainedate for flushing is Friday, March 27, 2015. The hydrants will be flushed as a routine practice to remove scale build up from underground water lines and to ensure proper operation of each fire hydrant.

CAUTION: While the hydrants are being flushed, and for a short time after, you may have discolored water entering your home. Please look at your water before using it and allow faucets to flush until the discoloration disappears, usually about 5 minutes. Discolored water could stain your laundry if the above precaution is not followed.

- **EXPANSION TANKS:** Some residents may be experiencing water on the floor around their hot water heater or extreme water pressure in the lines. If this becomes a persistent problem, you may want to consider having an expansion tank installed at your hot water heater. These tanks were not part of the original scope of work when the meters were installed, and we originally provided this recommendation in early 2013 when the meters were first installed.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATES:

- **WATERMAN ANNEXATION:** Working with property owner and the County to determine zoning for the property.
- **STEAMBOAT VILLAGE (FRIEL'S):** Installing infrastructure, which is on hold due to the weather. No building permits have been filed at this time.
- **QUEENSTOWN HARBOR GOLF LINKS:** Having been annexed into Town since 2006, but not having water and sewer available for them at the time, they are now in the process of running infrastructure to tie in to the Town's mains.
- **EBB TIDE PROPERTY:** Property owners have requested to demolish existing structures and rebuild on the site. The Planning Commission has been reviewing their plans, and final site plan approval has been given.

DOCENTS NEEDED:

- Docents are needed for the colonial courthouse! Anyone interested should contact the Town Office for more details.

REMINDERS:

- **TOWN FLAGS:** Display your Queenstown Pride! Town flags are available at the Town Office for \$25.
- **SCOOP THE POOP!:** Please be sure to clean up after your dogs as you walk them around town. A “Poop Station” has been installed in the town center at Main Street and Maryland Avenue, with a second one to go up at the Queenstown Park on Old Wharf Lane in the near future. Please use these, or other receptacles in town, to dispose of the waste. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

COMMUNITY NEWS::

- Calvary United Methodist Church will be holding a Ham & Oyster Supper on Saturday, March 28, 2015 from 3:00 – 6:30 p.m. in their Church Hall, Maryland Avenue, Queenstown. “All You Can Eat” ham, fried oysters, potato salad, green beans, beets, applesauce & rolls. A bake table will be available. Cost is \$20/Adults & Carryouts and \$8/Children under 12.
- Volunteers are needed at Corsica Hills Nursing Center in Centreville. Assistants are needed in the following areas: one to one visits, reading, talking, playing games, pet therapy visits, event preparation, decorating, escorting residents to events, and handing out food. If you are interested, you may contact the Recreation Director, Shelby Clark, for more information at 410-758-2323.