



Town of Indian Head NEWSLETTER



**Issue 74
Summer 2021**

Town Hall

Office Hours
Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Phone Numbers
Ofc: 301-743-5511
Fax: 301-743-9008

Holiday Closings

Town Hall, Public Works and the Community Affairs Office will be closed on the following days this quarter in observance of the holidays listed:

4th of July
Monday, July 5
NO Trash Pickup
Labor Day
Monday, September 6
NO Trash Pickup

If you have a water or sewer emergency after hours, call 240-375-4061 to report your emergency. On-call Town personnel will be contacted and the problem will be handled accordingly.

After hours non-emergency type problems can be reported by leaving a message on the Town Hall office number 301-743-5511. Be prepared to furnish your name, address, phone number and brief, but detailed description of the type of problem. Water cutoffs for non-payment are not considered emergencies and are only handled during Public Works regular business hours.

Summer Meetings

Town Meeting: Town Meetings are the 1st Monday of every month unless it happens to fall on a holiday. The Summer Town Meetings will take place on Mon. June 7, Tues. July 6, Mon. August 2.

Community Activities Committee: Meeting will commence on Tues., Sept. 14, 6:00pm, Village Green Pavilion.

Planning Commission: Wed. June 16, July 21, and August 18, 5:30pm.

Work Sessions: Wed. June 23, July 28 and August 25, 3:30pm.

Constant Yield Tax Rate Public Hearing: Mon. June 7, 6:00pm.

Critical Area Map Public Hearing: Mon. June 7, 6:30pm.

At this time all meetings are continuing to be held on the GoToMeeting platform. If you would like to log on for any of the upcoming meetings please go to <https://gotomeet.me/TOIH> You can also dial in using your phone. 1 (571) 317-3122, Access Code: 135-757-733

Please check the Town's website, www.townofindianhead.org to verify all meeting times & locations.

Summer Community Events



July 4th Celebration: Sun., July 4, Village Green Park. Amusement rides, food

booths, live entertainment and fireworks. For additional information please see the flyer on page 11.



Community Shred Day: Sat., July 31, Village Green Pavilion Parking Lot,

9:00am - 12:00pm. Registration is required. Available only to residents and businesses located within the incorporated Town. For additional information please see the flyer on page 11.

National Night Out: Tues., August 3, 6:00pm - 8:00pm, Village Green Park



Please check the Town's website and Facebook page for up to date information on all community events. Questions or for more information call 240-375-4061 or email karen@townofindianhead.org

Mayor's Message by Brandon Paulin

TOWN OF INDIAN HEAD OFFICIALS / BOARDS / PERSONNEL

Hello all,

Summer is approaching and things are starting to return to normal! I am extremely excited as our in-person events will start back up and I can see everyone enjoying much of what we have to offer once again. Check out the rest of the newsletter to see what's happening in the near future!

The USBTA project at the old CVS/super fresh is now well under way. Being able to physically see the progress is extremely encouraging. I know this will be a great addition to town. Another great addition to town will be the boardwalk. If you haven't already gone, follow S.E Davis Construction LLC on Facebook for some awesome up-close and personal pictures of the construction and progress taking place along the boardwalk.

The amount of businesses wanting to come into town is extremely encour-

aging. With this comes new local jobs, a sustainable economy, revitalization along our main thoroughfare, and more services. We continue to push for initiatives we hear about from the town's residents. I'm excited that a big fish maybe coming very soon that residents (including myself) have asked for over 20 years. Stay tuned, big things are happening.

If you haven't had your Covid-19 vaccine yet, check out Charles County Health Department's website or Facebook/Twitter. They have offered many Covid-19 vaccine distributions at the Village Green Pavilion and in the area if you wanted to stay local and get the vaccine.

Reach out anytime! Stay safe, get vaccinated, and enjoy the summer!

Until next time,
Brandon Paulin

Mayor

Brandon Paulin

Council

Ron Sitoula, Vice Mayor
Randy Albright, Councilman
Town Manager
Ryan L. Hicks

Planning Commission

Mary Armstrong, Chair
Wayne Higdon
Thomas Gordon Sr.
Kelly White
Brian Israel
Anthony McFarland
Thomas Hastings, Base Rep.

Board of Zoning Appeals

Dennis Scheessele
Rose Chase
Rickie Posey

Ethics Commission

Mark Hobgood

Town Hall Staff

Annie Brady, Town Clerk
Ginger Foster, Finance Officer
Diane Campbell, Deputy
Finance Officer
Karen Williams, Community
Affairs
301-743-5511 ext. 121 for
Community Police Officer
Plancheck, Code Enforcement
Eric Woodland, Head of Operations
Calvin Barnes, Field Supervisor
EAST, Inc., Water/Wastewater

Town Website

www.townofindianhead.org

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS



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State Farm®
Providing Insurance and Financial Services
Home Office, Bloomington, Illinois 61710

David Dixon, Agent

3A North First Street
Indian Head, MD 20640-1801
Bus 301 743 7200 Fax 301 743 5790
Cell 240 299 6490
dave.dixon.gzme@statefarm.com

The greatest compliment you can give is a referral.

Michelle's Cakes
4336 Indian Head Hwy,
Indian Head MD, 20640

301.246.9007

www.michellescakes.net
michellescakes@yahoo.com
Find Me On Facebook

BBQ

DALE'S SMOKEHOUSE
301-743-6777

Dale Hayes/Pam Hundley
dalessmokehouse@aol.com 4645 Indian Head Hwy
Indian Head, MD 20640

Vincent Ippolito
President/Pharmacist

Indian Head Care Pharmacy
The pharmacist you know the care you deserve

Hometown Pharmacy 301-684-2580
www.indianheadcare.com 301-684-2693
4115 Indian Head Hwy.
Indian Head, MD, 20640

BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT: ENERGETICS TECHNOLOGY CENTER (ETC)

An Introduction and a Reacquaintance

I'd like to start with an introduction. My name is Matthew Martin and I am the Director of Finance and Administration for Energetics Technology Center ("ETC"), a local not-for-profit research and development company. I was previously an Indian Head resident (1998 to 2001) and currently reside within the Indian Head zip code, just outside the town's boundaries. While I am a transplant to Indian Head, my wife and her family have lived in and around Indian Head all their lives. As a result, I am filled with all kinds of "west side pride".

I started with ETC about a year ago and am thrilled to be working within the Town of Indian Head. However, I realized very quickly that many don't know that ETC exists, what ETC does, and how ETC is working to help improve the Town of Indian Head. So, I would like to take this opportunity to get you acquainted with ETC.

ETC provides engineering and data analytics services, policy development, and technology development to the government, academia, and private industry. ETC is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization incorporated in 2006. From inception, ETC supported the Base at Indian Head through its focus on promoting the importance of energetics. In late 2016, ETC made a commitment to support the local economy "outside the gate" by moving its headquarters to the Town of Indian Head, specifically on the second floor of the Black Box Theater.

Over the past year, ETC has launched an initiative called "Indian Head Fast FORWARD" designed to bring both visible improvements to the Town of Indian Head as well as spark technology based economic development. As part of this initiative, ETC has leased and improved 3,000 square feet of new office space at the bottom of the hill in front of the Velocity Center. In fact, you may have noticed our new sign in front of the building! We are excited to make this expanded commitment to maintain our headquarters within the Town of Indian Head.

Another part of the Indian Head Fast FORWARD initiative includes ETC providing equipment funding for the College of Southern Maryland's maker space inside the Velocity Center. This will allow for students and community residents to have access to cutting edge tools and equipment necessary to design and fabricate prototypes of the technology of tomorrow. ETC could not be more proud to support this exciting opportunity alongside the College of Southern Maryland.

A third initiative of Indian Head Fast FORWARD, through our partnership with the Base, supporting the USBTA's relocation to the Town of Indian Head. This effort is truly exciting as residents are finally seeing the old SuperFresh and CVS site receive a much needed and long-awaited facelift.

While these initial projects are exciting and impactful, I'd like to believe Indian Head Fast FORWARD is just getting started. If you have any thoughts or ideas that you would like to discuss, feel free to stop on by our new offices. I'd be glad to speak with you and show you around our new offices!

If you have a business within the Town of Indian Head and you would like a business card to be included in a future issue of the newsletter, please send it to info@townofindianhead.org.

If you would like to submit an article for the Business Spotlight section of the newsletter, please email the article to info@townofindianhead.org. One article will be included in each issue of the quarterly newsletter.

CIVIC EVENTS CALENDAR

American Legion Meeting
2nd Wednesday of each month - 8:00pm
Senior/Community Center
301-283-0105

Western Charles/Indian Head Chapter 126 of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees (NARFE) meets the 1st Thursday of each month (Except July & August) 301-743-9445 or 301-743-3055

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

St Mary's Star of the Sea Church
Sunday Services 7:30, 9:00 & 11:00am
Saturday Services 5:00pm
Confessions Saturdays 4:00 to 4:30pm
Special Devotions 7:30am mass on the 1st Friday and 1st Saturday of each month
301-743-5770

Indian Head Baptist
Sunday School 9:15am
Sunday, Morning Worship 10:30am
Sunday Bible Study 6:00pm
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6:30pm
301-743-3707

St James Episcopal
Sundays 10am in person & via Zoom & Facebook
Morning Prayer, Wednesdays 8am via Facebook
301-743-2366

Indian Head Church of the Nazarene
Sunday School 9:45am
Sunday AM Worship 11:00am
Sunday PM Worship 6:00pm
Wednesday Adult Bible Study 7:00pm
301-743-5768

Indian Head United Methodist Church
Sunday School 9:30am
Worship 11:00am
301-743-2312

Greater Spiritual Fellowship Community Church

Sunday School 9:30am
Sunday Worship 11:00am
Tuesday Discipleship Training 7:30pm
Thursday Bible Study 7:30pm
301-743-6014

Congregation SHA'ARE Shalom
Services 1st Friday, 2nd & 4th Saturday every month.
301-645-4606

www.shaareshalomsomd.org
Indian Head Worship Center
Sunday Christian Education 9:30am
Sunday Morning Service 11:00am
Sunday Youth & Young Adult Service 6:30pm
Tuesday Bible Study 7:30pm
Friday Evangelical Service 7:30pm
301-743-7772

Cornerstone AME
Sunday Morning Service 10:30am
301-743-6607

New Life Christian Ministries, Int'l
Worship Service - Sunday 11:00 a.m.
Bible Study - Tuesday 7:00 p.m.
240-377-8919

Town of Indian Head Useful Information

Town Codes

- **Burning**—No burning is allowed within the Town.
- **Animal Control**—Dogs must be kept on the owner's property unless properly restrained. The Charles County Animal Control provides animal enforcement within the Town. Call 301-932-1713 if you have a problem.
- **Abandoned or Inoperative Vehicles** are prohibited within the Town and may not be kept on the street for more than 24 hours or on private property, with certain exceptions. Call Code Enforcement at 301-743-5511 ext. 101 with any questions.
- **Property Maintenance**—Every dwelling and lot shall be kept free from trash and garbage. Weeds and grass must be cut and kept shorter than 10 inches.
- **Building Code**—The Town has an adopted building code. Any new construction or remodeling, including, but not limited to porches, fences, sheds and garages, requires inspection and a building permit from the Town.

Code Enforcement

Planckek administers the Residential Property Maintenance and Building Codes for the Town of Indian Head. The Code Enforcement Officer does daily inspections throughout Town to check for code compliance. When a property is not up to code, the Code Enforcement Officer will issue a violation letter to address the code violation. Depending on the type of violation, the days for corrective action can be between 7 to 30 days. After the specified number of days, a fine letter will be issued for an additional 7 to 30 days, followed by a citation if the violation has still not been addressed. At the time that the citation is issued, the violation may be taken to court, or the Town may complete the needed property maintenance and lien the property for any costs incurred. The Town's Code Enforcement also does rental license inspections, and building permit inspections.

If you have any questions about the Code Enforcement process, if you would like to report a Code Enforcement violation, or if you need to speak with the Code Enforcement Officer in reference to an inspection, please call 301-743-5511 ext. 101.

Recycling/Yard Waste/Bulk Trash

Solid waste products such as glass jars and bottles, newspapers, plastic bottles and metal cans will be picked up at the curb every Thursday within the Town of Indian Head. Place these items in your recycling bin—no need to separate them.

Yard waste will be collected on Wednesdays, year-round, weather permitting. Grass clippings and leaves must be placed in brown paper bags or in a trash container marked "Yard Waste" and placed at curbside. Brush must be bundled and must not be any longer than four feet (4') in length. Individual pieces of brush must not be any larger than six inches (6") in diameter.

Bulk Trash can now be scheduled year-round on Wednesdays. Fee of \$50 (cash, money order, debit or credit card) per flatbed truck load must be paid in advance at time of scheduling at Town Hall. All items must be curbside by 7:00am on the pre-scheduled pick-up day but not earlier than 48 hours prior to pick-up day.

Utility Rates

The Town bills for utilities on a quarterly basis. Please make note that you will be receiving a bill four times a year (July, October, January and April). **You are encouraged to make an estimated payment monthly toward your quarterly bill.** For more information you can call Town Hall at 301-743-5511

Water & Sewer Rates

Minimum rate for all residential customers \$ 70.40
**(per dwelling unit per quarter) plus
\$6.85 for every 1,000 gallons used**
Minimum rate for all commercial customers \$212.80
**(per unit per quarter) plus
\$6.85 for every 1,000 gallons used**

Bay Restoration Fee

\$15 to State of Maryland Comptroller's Office for the Bay Restoration Fund

Trash Rates

Residential/Multiple Residential Rate: \$ 85.00 (per dwelling unit per quarter) - Billed quarterly for twice a week curbside pickup and one (1) recyclable products pickup per week.

Commercial Rate

Category I	Dumpster (4cu yds)	\$495.00 per quarter
Category II	Maximum 2 cans (per unit)	\$95.00 per quarter
	Each additional can	\$46.00 per quarter

All residential and commercial units within the Town of Indian Head shall avail themselves of the Town's curbside trash collection service.



Are you a Local Artist? Do you know a Local Artist who should be highlighted? Each month the Indian Head Center for the Arts is looking to highlight talent from all genres of art from Southern Maryland on our Facebook page. To out more or to submit a name please visit our website, www.indianheadblackbox.com

The Indian Head Center for the Arts is preparing to open up. We are actively seeking Play submissions and Directors. If you have a show that you would like to see on our stage please visit our website and submit your suggestions.

Need a place to hold a meeting, small gathering, or to host a performance? The Indian Head Black Box Theatre is a great venue. Visit our website for rental details.

St. James Episcopal Church

The people of God at St. James' in Indian Head are back to worshipping on Sunday mornings in person! Thanks be to God. We also continue to offer Sunday worship through Zoom and Facebook! Please join us at 10 a.m.

We offer Morning Prayer on Wednesdays at 8 a.m. through our Facebook page.

We offer Community free access to our Wi-Fi. One can simply come to the parking lot and sit in their car to use this service.

For more information, please call 301-743-2366 or visit our website at stjamesindianhead.org or check out the sign in front for the latest news.

God Bless you—stay healthy—be safe!!



We Are Back in 2021!

When: Tuesday, Aug. 3

What Time: 6:00—8:00pm

Where: Indian Head Village Green Park

**More Details to come on the Town's Website—www.townofindianhead.org
& follow us on Facebook**

Summertime Fire Safety

After the summer of 2020, here is hoping for more vacations, picnics, and just more family time. Although we are hoping for these things, we need to remember that this time of year also brings fires and injuries due to outdoor grilling, campfires, and 4th of July firework mishaps. The Indian Head Vol. Fire Department & Rescue Squad Inc. wishes everyone a safe and happy summer but would also like to remind everyone that these activities statistically have shown that approximately 8,000 people are injured each year because of these types of activities with half of them occurring during the first week in July. In addition, this is the time of year for heat related emergencies. By following these simple safety tips, you can make your family gathering, picnics and other outdoor activities safer for all and prevent accidents and injuries from happening.

Grilling Safety

- **As a reminder, in accordance with the Maryland State Fire Laws, the use of any type of grilling equipment on balconies is strictly prohibited and is subject to a fine by the Maryland State Fire Marshal's Office.**

Propane grills

- **Be sure to properly inspect your grill prior to use.**
- Check all the hoses for cracked brittle or damaged hose lines.
- The easiest way to check for damage is to spray the hoses and connections with soapy water. If bubbles appear, turn the tank off and make the needed repairs.
- If you turn the tank on and smell gas, **DO NOT ATTEMPT** to light the grill. Turn the tank off and reinspect the hoses and connections.
- When lighting the grill, make sure the lid is open and if the burn does not light after 5 seconds, turn the tank off, wait 5 minutes and try again.
- Never use a grill indoors or within 10 feet of your house or any structure or store your cylinders in your hoe or garage as gas can leak, build up and create and explosion.

Charcoal Grills

- **NEVER** burn charcoal in an enclosed facility. When charcoal is burned, it produces carbon monoxide which is a colorless and odorless gas that can be deadly when inhaled.
- Be sure to use only approved lighter fluid designed for these types of grills and **NEVER** use gasoline.
- **NEVER** add fluid to the fire while it is burning.
- As with gas grills, position the grill at least 10 feet from your home or other structures.
- **Be sure to dispose of ashes in a metal container to reduce the chance of fire.**

Fireworks Safety

- **Each year thousands of people are taken to the hospital emergency departments on the 4th of July, most often children and teens, with injuries from improper or illegal usage of fireworks. Many of these injuries were from sparklers which burn at approximately 1200 degrees.**

The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit a public fireworks display put on by professionals who are trained and certified to safely handle fireworks. Unfortunately, many of these events were cancelled last year but hopefully there will be professional display this with probably limited attendance.

- **Remember that only ground based fireworks and sparklers are legal in the state of Maryland.**

Heat Related Emergencies

Summertime is also the time for mowing the yard and various other outdoor projects or activities. Unfortunately, these activities can lead to heat related illnesses and even death. Historically, more people in this country die from extreme heat than from severe weather each year. Very high body temperature may damage the brain or other major organs in the body.

The following are the three major types of Heat Related emergencies and the signs, symptoms and first aid steps for these life-threatening emergencies.

Heat Cramps

Heat cramps usually effect people who are overexerting themselves and sweat profusely during strenuous activities. This sweating depletes the body's salt and moisture content. When these items are depleted in the muscles it can cause heat cramps.

- Muscle pain or spasms, usually in the abdomen, arms, or legs, that may occur in association with strenuous activities.
- Infants, children, and elderly are a greater risk of heat cramps due to the inability to regulate their body temperature.
- If you have heart problems or are on a low sodium diet, seek medical attention if you experience heat cramps.
- Heat cramps may also be symptom of Heat Exhaustion which is a more severe heat related emergency.
- In cases of Heat Cramps, the person needs to remove themselves from the heated environment, remove any excessive clothing, drink water to rehydrate the body and attempt to stretch the muscles that are cramping.

Heat Exhaustion

Can develop after long-term exposure to high temperature and lack of proper hydration. It is the body's response to excessive dehydration.

- Those most prone to heat exhaustion are the elderly, people with high blood pressure and people working or exercising in extremely heated environments.
- The skin may be cool, moist with a fast and weak pulse. Breathing will be fast and shallow because of the body's inability to cool itself.
- This is a true-life threatening emergency, and you should seek immediate medical attention.
- In cases of Heat Exhaustion, help the victim to cool off by moving them to a cooler environment, drink cold water and seek medical attention if signs and symptoms do not improve or worsen.

Heat Stroke

Occurs when the body is unable to regulate the person's temperature. The body temperature rises rapidly, the sweating mechanism fails, and the body is no longer able to cool down.

- Body temperatures may reach 106 degrees or higher within 10 to 15 minutes.
- At this temperature, the brain begins to overheat and causes life-threatening issues regarding breathing, heartbeat, and possible seizures.
- This is a true-life threatening emergency, and you should seek immediate medical attention.
- If possible, remove the victim from the environment, cool by removing excess clothing and contact 911.
- Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability if medical treatment is not provided as quickly as possible.

Summertime should be a time of fun and making family memories but can be a traumatic time as well. By following these simple safety tips and exercising good judgement when grilling, camping or outside during the hot summer months, you and your family can have a safe and enjoyable summer.

The Indian Head Vol. Fire Department & Rescue Squad Inc. would like to wish everyone a happy and safe summertime season.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining our team to serve the community, please contact the department at 301-753-9400 or stop by and visit us on Thursday nights for drill.



Indian Head Senior Center

The Indian Head Senior Center is located on the Village Green in the Old Post Office. Our address is 100 Cornwallis Square. If you are at least 60 years young we encourage you to be a part of our fast-paced center, where we encourage our seniors to be independent as long as possible physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially.

As we gradually reopen we will continue to offer outdoor programming. We ask for patience as we reconvene without all the restrictions. We are anxious to reopen the center safely. Remember "kindness is difficult to give away because it keeps coming back to you". We hope to fully reopen in August. For questions call 301 743-2125, messages are checked throughout the day.

Important Media sites to visit or numbers to have:

- Our Facebook page – Charles County Senior Centers – get updated news, live fitness classes, join us in crafts or just send messages to say hello. We will not overwhelm you

Get Connected – www.charlescountymd.gov/getconnected - complete a simple form to get a copy of the SCOOP, and other enews

Maryland Access Point (MAP) – 855 843-9725 or email MDAccessPoint@charlescountymd.gov to obtain resources and services in Charles County.

COVID-19 updates – as of Monday, May 24, 2021 there will be no restrictions. Please DO NOT come to the center if you are sick. Updated information found at <https://governor.maryland.gov/> and our local Health Department 301 609-6717.

During the Month of June

Our hours during the month of June will be 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

- We will offer indoor programming on Tuesdays and Thursdays with limited capacity.
- Meals by reservation 48 hours in advance will be box lunches with a lunch donation.
- Fitness Classes will be offered at 1p.m. with a fitness card.
- We will continue to have outdoor programming on Wednesdays.

Stay Safe and Spread
Love – Your Indian
Head Senior Center
Staff.

During the Month of July

- Our hours during the month of July will be 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- We will offer indoor programming on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays with limited capacity.
- Meal by reservation 48 hours in advance with a lunch donation.
- Fitness Classes will be offered at 1 p.m. with a fitness card.
- We will continue to have outdoor programming on Wednesday along with indoor programming.
- July 14th Farmers Market at the Pavilion. All programming will be done outside on the Green.

For more up-to-date information go to <http://www.charlescountymd.gov/cs/aging/senior-centers>





Indian Head July 4th Celebration!

Sunday, July 4

Village Green Park, Indian Head

No Patriotic Kick-Off Ceremony

4:00-8:00p.m. - Amusements Rides

4:00p.m.—Food Booths Open

Ticket Booth Closes Promptly@ 7:15pm

9:00p.m. - Spectacular Fireworks Display

Live Entertainment Outdoor Stage:

4:00p.m.— 8:00p.m. DJ ROCKIN' ROGER

6:00-9:00p.m. FLIPPIN' EYELIDS

Outdoor Stage (bring blankets/lawn chairs)

Limited General Parking around Village Green

Handicapped Parking Available in V. G. Pavilion Lot

**TICKET BOOTH CLOSSES PROMPTLY @ 7:15PM - REMAINS OPEN FOR EMERGENCIES/LOST & FOUND ONLY
AMUSEMENTS OPEN 4:00 to 8:00PM—WEATHER PERMITTING —**

**2021 SPECIAL GOODBYE TO COVID AMUSEMENT WRISTBANDS \$5.00 EACH—ENDLESS RIDES 4:00-8:00pm
NO AMUSEMENT WRISTBAND REFUNDS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER OR AFTER TICKET BOOTH & AMUSEMENTS ARE CLOSED!**

NO PETS OF ANY KIND— CERTIFIED SERVICE ANIMALS WELCOME! —NO ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PERMITTED ON PREMISES!

More info 840-375-4061 or karen@townofindianhead.org

Town of Indian Head



Community Shred Day

Saturday, July 31

9:00am—12:00pm

Village Green Pavilion Parking Lot

Registration is required.

Available Only to Residents & Businesses located within the incorporated Town of Indian Head.

Register at Info@townofindianhead.org or call 240-375-4061. Facebook registration not accepted.

Questions or more info—call 240-375-4061 or email Karen@townofindianhead.org



Quality on Tap Report 2020
Town of Indian Head
MD0080020

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Quality Water Report. This report is intended to provide you with important information about your drinking water and the efforts made by the water system to provide safe drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is 3 wells which draw from the Patapsco(2) and Patuxent(1) Aquifers.

We are pleased to report that our drinking water is safe and meets federal and state requirements.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

The Town of Indian Head routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2020. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottles water which must provide the same protection for public health.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800)

426-4791.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

A source water assessment has been performed by the Maryland Department of the Environment and is accessible on their website at:

https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/water/water_supply/Source_Water_Assessment_Program/Pages/by_county.aspx

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Town Hall at (301) 743-5511. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility.

Listed below you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Avg – Regulatory compliance with some MCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.

Parts per million (ppm) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Parts per billion (ppb) - one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Picocuries per liter (pCi/L) - Picocuries per liter is a measure of the radioactivity in water.

Action Level (AL) - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Action Level Goal (ALG) – The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) - The “Maximum Allowed” (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG) - The “Goal” (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Level 1 Assessment – A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment – A Level 2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system on multiple occasions.

N/A – not applicable

Maximum residual disinfectant level (MRDL) – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum residual disinfectant level goal (MRDLG) – The level of drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Milirems per year (mrem) – millirems per year (a measure of radiation absorbed by the body).

Treatment Technique (TT) - A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Lead and Copper

Definitions:

Action Level Goal (ALG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. ALGs allow for a margin of safety.

Action Level: The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Lead and Copper	Date Sampled	MCLG	Action Level (AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over AL	Units	Lead and Copper	Likely Source of Contamination
Copper	2020	1.3	1.3	0.068	0	ppm	Copper	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives; Corrosion of household plumbing systems.

Regulated Contaminants

Disinfectants and Disinfection By-Products	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Chlorine	2020	1.2	1.1 - 1.2	MRDLG = 4	MRDL = 4	ppm	N	Water additive used to control microbes.
Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2020	7	6.9 - 6.9	No goal for the total	60	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	2020	34	33.5 - 33.5	No goal for the total	80	ppb	N	By-product of drinking water disinfection.
Inorganic Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Fluoride	2020	1.47	0.73 - 1.47	4	4.0	ppm	N	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories.
Radioactive Contaminants	Collection Date	Highest Level Detected	Range of Levels Detected	MCLG	MCL	Units	Violation	Likely Source of Contamination
Beta/photon emitters	2020	4	0 - 4	0	50	pCi/L	N	Decay of natural and man-made deposits.
Combined Radium 226/228	2020	1.5	0.3 - 1.5	0	5	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.
Gross alpha excluding radon and uranium	2020	10	4.7 - 10.4	0	15	pCi/L	N	Erosion of natural deposits.

Violations Table

Lead and Copper Rule			
The Lead and Copper Rule protects public health by minimizing lead and copper levels in drinking water, primarily by reducing water corrosivity. Lead and copper enter drinking water mainly from corrosion of lead and copper containing plumbing materials.			
Violation Type	Violation Begin	Violation End	Violation Explanation
FOLLOW-UP OR ROUTINE TAP M/R (LCR)	10/01/2020	10/23/2020	The system was late in turning in the Lead and Copper Report. After MDE received the report, the system is no longer in violation. The Town was required to do 20 samples during the quarter, July 2020 through September 2020. The Town actually received and analyzed 25 samples. 5 of those were provided by residents on September 30, 2020 and were analyzed in early October. Reporting was late as a result, and it should be noted that the results from all 25 samples were below the maximum contaminant level.

We are proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some contaminants have been detected. The EPA has determined that your water IS SAFE at these levels.

We, at the Town of Indian Head, work around the clock to provide top quality water to every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future. Please call our office at 301-743-5511 if you have questions.

RECYCLING INFORMATION

Recycling is picked up in Town every Thursday. Residents are required to have their recycling out before 7:30am on the scheduled pickup day. Examples of what can be included in your recycling and what are NOT recyclable items are listed below.

Examples of what can be recycled:

- Cardboard (flatten all boxes)
- Paper Bags
- Office Paper & File Folders
- Glass Jars & Bottles
- Plastic Bottles
- Plastic Tubs, Wide-Mouth Containers
- Aluminum, Tin and Steel Cans
- Milk and Juice Cartons
- Yogurt Cups
- Juice Boxes
- Newspaper & Inserts
- Magazines & Catalogs
- Paperback and Hardback Books
- Junk Mail



Please make sure to rinse bottles, jars, and other containers of any contaminants before putting them in your recycle bin.

What should NOT be included in your recycling:

- Yard Waste/Tree Trimmings
- Light Bulbs, Window Glass, Mirrors
- Styro foam, Dishes, Ceramics
- Electronics
- Hazardous or Toxic Product Containers including Motor Oil Containers
- Plastic Grocery Bags, Food Waste, Garbage Bags
- Plastic Wrap
- Diapers, Tissues/Napkins
- Wood- Pallets, Stick Wood, Tree Limbs, Furniture
- Garden Hoses, Wire, Rope, Electrical Cords
- Rocks, Concrete, Dirt
- Clothing, Towels, Sheets, Curtains, Carpeting, Tarps, Blinds
- Propane Tanks, Tires, Christmas Lights, Mattresses
- Medical Waste

