



CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

April 2013

City Hall
106 Dorman St.
398-3530

Police Department
10 Mechanic St.
398-4493

Harrington Public Library
110 Center St.
398-4647

Parks & Recreation
114 E. Liberty St.
398-7975

Public Works After Hours On-Call Phone Number 632-8827

City's Website <http://harrington.delaware.gov>

Message from the **Harrington Police Department**

- Our new gazebo is almost done. It was paid for from seized money and will be used for law enforcement & community activities.
- As the weather warms up, please watch out for pedestrians, especially children, and motorcycles during your travels around town.
- Please remember to have your child wear a bike helmet; it's for their safety, & the law requires it.

Please be safe and have a great Spring!

Senior/Disabled Citizen Partial Tax Relief applications are available in City Hall and due by May 31, 2013. This form must be completed every year to be eligible for the discount.

Regular Municipal Election

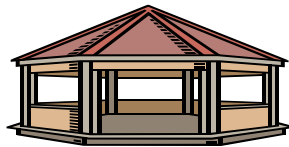
Tuesday, May 7, 2013, 12 pm – 7 pm
For Mayor and Districts 1 & 3

- Affidavits for absentee ballots are available
- Candidates must file by April 2, 2013
- Voters must be registered by April 19, 2013

More info is available on the City's website or call City Hall at 398-3530



Freedom Park Update



A lot of buzz has been created by the building going up next to the police station. A couple of years ago, it was decided to turn that piece of property into Freedom Park. We have been using the property for many City events including Heritage Day, Christmas tree lighting and caroling, and Police Night Out. This has been a work in progress and improvements made as money and donations were received. There are no city tax dollars being used for this project.

To get Freedom Park to the point it is at now, the area was first laid with underground sprinklers and grass, later came a donated flag pole, and finally, the fencing and cement pad were installed. Now a community bandstand is being built. It is our hope that this will be a hometown focal point for residents, bringing back an era of community gatherings and a true 'down home' feeling. There will be additional future improvements to the area, such as landscaping, a sidewalk, and a sign.

We hope to dedicate the park in the spring.

Robert "Gene" Price, Jr.
Mayor

Water Meter Installation

All residential water meters have been installed. City Hall and Public Works are working with customers with high consumption to determine if a leak exists. Meters are being read monthly to gather consumption information to help determine appropriate rates.



Yard Sale

Harrington Parks & Recreation will be hosting a yard sale on Saturday, May 4, at the Parks & Rec building, 114 E. Liberty St., from 7:00 am to 12:00 noon. HPR will be selling food items.

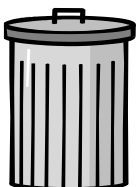
Spaces are available for anyone who wishes to be a non-food vendor at the event. Contact HPR for more info at 398-7975.

Sign Up for Harrington's Automated Phone Call System to receive important information from Harrington. Contact City Hall with your name and phone number.



Fire hydrant flushing occurs on the third Monday & Tuesday each month as weather allows.

Yard Waste (grass clippings, branches, etc.) cannot be placed in trash cans for pick-up but can be dropped off at the Public Works' Yard on Wednesdays from 9 am – 3 pm.



Spring Clean Up Week, May 6-10

Citizens of Harrington can take bulk items to the Public Works Yard, 102 Franklin Street, between 7 am and 3:30 pm for disposal. Photo ID required as proof of residency. Tires, paint, and batteries will not be accepted. Appliances must have the Freon removed by someone certified to do so and tagged as such. Take advantage of this free opportunity to get rid of old furniture, mattress, or junk in your garage! Call City Hall if you have any questions.

Library Spring Events

Visit website or call for info



Regular Monthly Events:

- Storytime and craft every Wednesday at 10:45 am
- 2nd Thursday, 6 pm – Family Fun Night with activities for kids
- 3rd Thursday, 6 pm – Recent Reads Book Discussion
- 4th Thursday, 6 pm – Reading to the Dogs from L.E.A.P.
- Job Center every Friday, 1-4 pm

Special Programs and Events:

- April 2, 6 pm – Pass the Rum: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition
- April 4, 6 pm – Family Movie Night with free popcorn and lemonade
- May 14, 6 pm – Missing Child's Day program with Harrington Police
- May 30, 6 pm – Geek the Prom – geeky fun for 6th – 12th graders
- June 8, 10 am – 1 pm – Summer Reading Club Kick Off (all ages)
- June 11, 2 pm – Rainforest Rendezvous for children
- June 18, 6 pm – Illstyle and Peace Productions Dance Group
- June 25, 6 pm – Hobbit Party

Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com

- Pop Warner Football, Cheer, and Challenger Cheer registrations 5-7 pm May 4 at Parks & Rec
- Tennis (ages 7-13) Mon. & Wed. starting May 29 for 4 weeks at Lake Forest High, \$50 per person, \$15 to order a racket if needed
- Multi-Participant Yard Sale May 4 at Parks & Rec, 7 am – noon; spaces available for vendors; HPR will be selling food items
- Golf Tournament May 17 at Johnathan's Landing, \$300 per foursome includes golf, cart, open range, luncheon, awards & prizes; sponsors needed
- Adult Water Aerobics Tues. & Thurs. 6:30-7:30 pm at Lake Forest High Pool starting April 9, pool members \$50, nonmembers \$65; call aquatic center for membership info at 284-9291
- Yoga Mon. 10 am & Wed. 9 am, \$8 per session or \$70/10 sessions
- FREE Tai Chi Wed. 10 am
- Adult Fitness Exercise equipment available during regular hours, must register
- Donations accepted for SPCA

Let's Keep Harrington Safe and Clean Avoid these Common Code Violations

Prohibited Weed Growth – Grass must be kept at maximum height of 6"

Prohibited Deposits of Trash – Trash and other debris must be removed from yard

External Placement of Interior Furniture – Couches, mattress, appliances, etc. are not allowed to be placed outside (see "Spring Clean Up Week" (front page) for disposal info)

Parking in Front & Side Yards – Vehicles must be parked in the driveway or rear yard of a house or on the street as allowed

Structure Address Numbering – Building numbers must be visible from street

Abandoned Vehicles – Vehicles must be registered and tagged by the DMV

Trash Cans – Trash cans must be removed from the curb to a point not visible from the street by 11:59 pm the day trash is collected

If you have any questions, contact Code Enforcement Officer Tom Carroll, 398-4428

Farmers' Market

Harrington's Farmers' Market will be opening on May 4 and celebrating that day with free strawberry treats. The market will be open on Saturdays through September from 9 am to 1 pm in the lot on Commerce Street (next to Happy Tails).



Vendor applications are being accepted at City Hall. Call Market Manager Jim Cooper with questions, 398-8188.

Utility Bills Due May 10

Community Cats Trap, Neuter, Return Program

Harrington's partnership with the Delaware SPCA, the Humane Society, and Alley Cat Allies has resulted in the trapping of 256 feral cats in the Harrington community. The success of this program is in large part due to the hard work of volunteers.

The Trap, Neuter, Return (TNR) program captures feral cats and transports them to the Delaware SPCA where they are spayed or neutered and vaccinated for rabies. The cats are then returned to the location where they were trapped. A caretaker monitors a colony of feral cats to ensure the health of the animals and trap any new cats or kittens to be neutered and vaccinated. The community benefits from the TNR program, because spaying and neutering reduces or eliminates the nuisance behaviors of the feral cats and the overall cat population decreases as no new kittens are born.

More information about the program is available on the City's website including why it is needed, details on how TNR works, how to help, and information for cat owners.



Congratulations to HPD
2012 Officer of the Year
Pfc. Sean A. Hudson

The City of Harrington will be closed
on Monday, May 27, for Memorial Day

City Council Meetings & Workshops

April 1	6:30 pm	Workshop
April 15	7:00 pm	Meeting
May 6	6:30 pm	Workshop
May 20	7:00 pm	Meeting
June 3	6:30 pm	Workshop
June 17	7:00 pm	Meeting



Who's Who in the City?

Robert E. Price, Jr., Mayor



City Council:

Cheryl Lahman, Vice Mayor, District 4

Wayne Porter, District 1

Amy Minner, District 2

Fonda Coleman, District 3

Ken Stubbs, District 5

Duane E. Bivans, District 6



Teresa Tieman, City Manager
 Norman Barlow, Chief of Police
 Alan Moore, PW Supervisor
 Christine Hayward, Library Director
 Bill Falasco, Parks & Rec Director