



CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

January 2014

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 Mayor

As 2013 ends and we welcome in the New Year, I would like to reflect on many items that have happened in the City. The first being, I was sworn in as your new Mayor. I would like to personally thank our former Mayor, Gene Price, for all the years of dedication he has put into this great city. The transition into the Mayor position was not as smooth as I anticipated; although changes are not always embraced, sometimes different thinking will allow more opportunities.

A milestone that I am proud to say happened this year, was the coming together of Lake Forest School District and the City of Harrington Police Department to establish a full time SRO (School Resource Officer) in W.T. Chipman and will also be working with South Elementary School. This gives our children a chance to see a Police Officer in a positive way.

Another big change that has happened in the City is Freedom Park. Without the Harrington Police Department, this vision would not have become a reality. The Chief Norman Barlow Pavilion, the benches, and upcoming landscaping will make this a great gathering place to bring our city together.

As you can see throughout the City, streets are being paved, ADA ramps are being put into place, and much needed crosswalks. The Public Works Department utilizes a priority list for selecting streets to be paved. This list allows the City to progress in repairing the streets in the worst condition as funding becomes available.

The residential water meters are in place and the Public Works Department is notifying those over normal water usage to help pinpoint what may be causing this.

The library has become a much more popular place over the last year. The job center held every Friday from 1 pm to 4 pm is in overwhelming demand. The staff helps individuals with resumes and the search for jobs.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer

Message from the Harrington Police Department



We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and a great end to 2013. With 2014 here, we want everyone to start off the New Year right, please be safe and use caution when driving. Winter is in full swing which means ice and snow are making for a dangerous commute.

The Harrington Police Department is looking forward to the New Year, and we have big things planned as always. Freedom Park is rapidly being worked on; we have started the sidewalks and installed two benches. There is a lot more to come; make sure you come out to see all of the progress. We are very excited to complete this project and host various events for our community.

Happy New Year from the Harrington Police Department!

City Manager's Message

A big thank you is extended to the many employees and volunteers who worked to make Harrington a wonderful place to live and conduct business.

The promise of a new year is once again upon us. In the New Year, Harrington can expect a new water and sewer rate structure, infrastructure improvements to our streets and sewer system, and ordinance changes to our planning and zoning code.

Carl Klotz started as our new Code Enforcement Officer. Carl's job is to enforce the City's Code and to make Harrington a safe place to live and conduct business.

Harrington also welcomes Dean Gary as the new City Accountant. Dean will be responsible for all accounting activities in the City which includes supervision of all financial transactions.

You may also see a new face at Parks and Recreation. Faye Smith is joining Bill Falasco. Together they are responsible for providing all recreational activities in the community.

The water/sewer rate study should be completed in January and residents will be given advance notification to prepare for changes in the rates.

The following streets are scheduled for resurfacing in 2014: Dixon, Mechanic, and Wolcott. These streets will be milled and overlaid and be brought into ADA compliance. Public Works uses a priority rating to systematically repair streets within Harrington. The ratings were recently revised & updated to insure that the worst streets in our area are resurfaced.

Best wishes for a safe, happy, and healthy new year.

Beginning January 1, 2014, the quarterly trash rate will increase to \$51.76 to cover the rate increase included in the waste hauler's contract.

Library Events

Visit our website or call for info

Regular Monthly Events:

- 2nd Thursday, 6 pm – Family Fun Night with activities for kids
- 3rd Thursday, 6 pm – Read Em' and Eat Book Discussion
- Job Center every Friday, 1-4 pm
- Storytime every Wednesday, 10:45 am

Special Programs and Events:

- Computer Class – Monday, Jan. 6, 12:15 pm – Topic TBA
- Reading to the Dogs – Thursday, Jan. 9, 6 pm – Improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs Tank, Daisy, and Becca
- Computer Class – Monday, Jan. 13, 12:15 pm – Topic TBA
- Family Movie Night – Tuesday, Jan. 14, 6 pm – Showing a movie based on a Percy Jackson book; free popcorn and lemonade
- Computer Class – Monday, Jan. 20, 12:15 pm – Topic TBA
- Computer Class – Monday, Jan. 27, 12:15 pm – Topic TBA
- Teen Advisory Council Meeting – Tuesday, Jan. 28, 6 pm – Free food will be served
- Computer Class – Monday, Feb. 3, 12:15 pm – Topic TBA



- Mardi Gras Bears – Thursday, Feb. 6, 6 pm – Mardi Gras party for children; each child can stuff & decorate a bear; free snacks
- Reading to the Dogs – Thursday, Feb. 13, 6 pm – Improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs Tank, Daisy, and Becca
- Computer Class – Monday, Feb. 10, 12:15 pm – Topic TBA
- Computer Class – Monday, Feb. 17, 12:15 pm – Topic TBA
- Computer Class – Monday, Feb. 24, 12:15 pm – Topic TBA



Check our website & Facebook page for upcoming events

Parks & Recreation Events

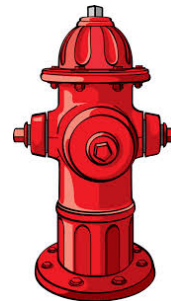
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Come see our teams! Love those Little Spartans!

- Christmas Parade great job everyone & thanks for all your support
- Mat Ratz Wrestling will run from December 18 until February 20
- Tai Chi every Wednesday at 10 am
- Yoga Mon. at 10 am, Wed. 9 am, Fri. 10:45 am, first class is free, \$8 per class or 10 for \$70
- Adult Fitness year round – bikes, treadmills, ellipticals, Nautilus stations, or walk the floor; annual membership \$50/person or \$75/couple
 - Youth Indoor Field Hockey for grades K-5; registration beginning Jan. 6; classes Mon. & Tues. in March; \$75 with equipment or \$50 registration only
 - Spring Soccer tot (ages 2 & 3) through U12; registration Jan. 6 to Feb. 22; \$65 for first player in family, \$55 second player, \$45 each additional, tot \$35
 - Cheerleading registration Jan. 6 to March 30
- Basic Tumbling & Gymnastics ages 4-9; classes April to June; class size limited to 30; \$60
- Donations accepted for Kent County SPCA. Wish list items include parrot food/toys, rubbing alcohol, dish liquid, bleach, detergent, paper towels, blankets, cloth towels, rabbit hay/food, XL trash bags, cat scratch boards, cat/dog toys, cotton balls, ferret food/toys, leashes, collars, hand soap, dog/cat treats, kitty litter, and kiddie pools.



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



Senior/Disabled Citizen Partial Tax Relief applications are available in City Hall and due by June 2, 2014. This form must be completed every year to be eligible for the discount.

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, 102 Franklin Street, on Wednesdays from 9 am – 3 pm.

Harrington's Comprehensive Land Use Plan was adopted by City Council on December 16. It will now be submitted to the State for final approval.

Utility Bills Due February 10

Who's Who in the City?

Anthony R. Moyer, 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

City of Harrington Closings

January 1 New Year's Day
January 20 Martin Luther King Day
February 17 Presidents' Day

City Council Meetings & Workshops

January 6	6:30 pm	Workshop
January 21	7:00 pm	Meeting
February 3	6:30 pm	Workshop
February 18	7:00 pm	Meeting
March 3	6:30 pm	Workshop
March 17	7:00 pm	Meeting