



CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

July 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>




Saturday, August 23

Start making plans now to attend Heritage Day and see the many exhibitors and vendors such as Antique Tractors & Autos, Model Airplanes, Petting Zoo, Inflatables and live entertainment! Parade starts at 9 am.

Vendor registrations are now being accepted for craft/food vendors and info booths. Space is limited; early registration is strongly suggested.

Water Saving Tips

- Turn the water off when brushing teeth
- Install water efficient appliances
- Take shorter showers 
- Water the lawn less often & only in the early morning or late evening when it is cooler
- Wash only full loads in the dishwasher & washing machine

More water conservation tips & info is available in a brochure in the utility bills, City Hall, and on the City's website

New Water and Sewer Rates

New water and sewer rates will be effective with all billings after July 1, 2014. Below, you will find a chart that outlines each of these rates. Commercial properties will no longer have a 20,000 gallon allowance. Please check the usage listed on your current utility bill, if it is above 15,000 gallons (average residential usage) for the quarter, you may want to check for leaks.

Sewer Charges	Water Charges
Base fee per EDU/Billable Unit: \$80	Base fee per EDU/Billable Unit: \$35
Debt Service: \$52	Debt Service: \$13.30
Base Fee: \$28	Base Fee: \$21.70
Usage per \$1,000 gallons: \$8.10	Usage per 1,000 gallons: \$3.55
KC Treatment: \$2.34	
Usage: \$5.76	

You will notice that while the water rate has decreased, the sewer rate has increased. This increase was necessary to cover the increased debt service payments on the Force Main project which connects the City to the Kent County treatment plant, as well as the contractual expense for Kent County to treat sewage.

Please refer to the pamphlet enclosed with your utility bill for leak detection and water saving tips. If you have any questions as to how this change may directly impact you, please feel free to contact City Hall at 302-398-3530.

Message from the Mayor

The City will begin billing for water and sewer based on actual usage starting with the October bill (based on July, August, and September usage). Usage based billing is more equitable than a flat fee because residents pay for what they use, and a resident is able to control their bill more by limiting consumption. There is a Water Saving Tips brochure available in City Hall and on the City's website. Although sewer rates have increased, water rates have decreased to reflect the costs of each system. The City's goal is to have fair and adequate rates to sustain our system.

Council Members Stubbs and Bivans were sworn in for new terms on June 2. The FY 2014 Revised Operating Budget and FY 2015 Operating Budget have been adopted by Council (Resolution 14-R-04). Freedom Park landscaping is complete. Keep an eye out for construction workers as several streets are currently being paved.

Have a fun and safe summer and don't forget to visit downtown on August 23 for Heritage Day!

- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer

Pool Safety

The City Code requires pools, hot tubs, and spas over 24" deep to be surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48" tall with self-closing and self-latching gates. Spas and hot tubs with a safety cover are exempt. Call Carl Klotz, Code Enforcement Officer, with any questions, 398-4428.

New Tax Rate

The tax rate has been increased by 35 cents to \$1.06/\$100 of assessed value. This increase eliminates the need for transfers from the water and sewer funds and using reserves to balance the budget. The City of Harrington has not had a tax increase for 12 years.

Save Time & Money – Install a Shut-Off Valve in Your Home



Know where the master water shut-off valve is located in your house (if there isn't one, have one installed) to save water and prevent damage in case of a leak. A shut-off valve is a quick means to turn off water in an emergency & an easy way to check for leaks after a repair.

The City is beginning to charge property owners for each trip to turn the water on or off at the meter in order to recuperate the cost of this service.

Library Events

Visit our website and Facebook page or call for info

Regular Events:

- Job Center every Friday, 1-4 pm
- Storytime every Wednesday, 10:45 am
- Computer Classes on Mondays, 12:15 pm, sign up at the front desk



Special Programs and Events:

- Lego Man Night – Tuesday, July 1, 6 pm – Watch a lego man movie, prize raffle, and free popcorn and lemonade
- Donna Washington – Storyteller – Tuesday, July 8, 6 pm – Be enthralled by a professional storyteller
- Teddy Bear Picnic – Wednesday, July 9, 10:45 am – Story, craft, and picnic (inside if rain) with teddy bears
- Family Fun Night/Reading to the Dogs – Thursday, July 10, 6 pm – Free children's craft night and improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs
 - Godzilla Movie – Tuesday, July 15, 6 pm – free popcorn and lemonade
 - Frankenstein's Lab – Tuesday, July 24, 6 pm – Movie, snacks, and crafts
 - Book Discussion – Thursday, July 24, 6 pm – Recent reads and featuring "The School of Essential Ingredients" by Erica Bauermeister
- Earth Worm Habitat – Tuesday, July 29, 6 pm – Make a habitat and adopt a worm; for ages 10 and up
- Cloudy Movie Marathon and Dinner – Thursday, July 31, 4 pm – 2 movies about a bumbling inventor
- Batman Movie Night – Tuesday, August 5, 6 pm
- Big Bang Party for Teens – Tuesday, August 12, 6 pm
- Mad Scientist Party – Thursday, August 14, 6 pm
- Recent Reads Party – Thursday, August 21, 6 pm



"Fizz, Boom, Read"

Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge

Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com – Like us on Facebook

- **Pop Warner Football and Cheer** Final registration July 1 to 28; drop off your registration paperwork at the Rec Center.
- **Fall Soccer** Registration July 1-31 stop by the office during business hours or print a registration form from our website and mail it with payment; tot soccer (ages 2 & 3) through U12 age division; \$65 for first player in family, \$55 for second player in family, \$45 for each additional player in family; tot soccer \$40.
- **Dance** Registrations begin July 1. Programs are offered for children as young as 3 ½ years old! This is a 10 month program with a recital at the end of the program year. The dance program not only focuses on the technical aspect of dance but the personal growth of our dancers as well.
- **Farmers' Market** Open Saturdays through September 20, 9 am-1 pm on Commerce Street. Vendors are welcome.
- **Yard Sale – Rescheduled for October 4** Large multi-participant yard sale on Saturday, October 4, at the Rec Center. Spaces are 10ft x 15ft and are \$10/individual or \$15/business or consultant. Contact the office to register. Please no food vendors as HPR will have concessions available.
- **Tai Chi Classes** Wednesdays 10 am – 11 am. No pre-registration is required. Wear comfortable clothing.
- **HELP THE KENT COUNTY SPCA AT HPR!!!** You can drop off items to donate for pets in the collection box at Rec Center.



Yard Waste Information: Residents can drop off yard waste (grass clippings, branches, etc.) at the Public Works Yard, 102 Franklin Street, on Wednesdays from 9 am to 6 pm (summer hours). Yard waste cannot be placed in trash cans for pick-up. Harrington's Code requires that grass be 6 inches or less in height. Any grass clippings must be cleared from the street and sidewalk as soon as mowing is complete.



Message from the Harrington Police Department

With the summer months upon us, we as a community need to make sure the City of Harrington is a safe & happy place to live, work, & visit. With school ending, the children around town will be out on their bicycles. Adults need to make sure children are always wearing a helmet when on a bicycle; bright clothing & reflectors will help keep them visible & safe. Summer brings heavy traffic so please remember to slow down and watch out for pedestrians & other motorists; remember "arrive alive".

New technology is here to help keep you safe; you can get Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) sent directly to your smart phone. WEA may be used to share: extreme weather warnings, local emergencies requiring evacuation/immediate action, AMBER Alerts, & Presidential Alerts during a national emergency. Visit www.ctia.org/wea for more information.

We would like to welcome the 2014 Delaware State Fair, this event is quickly approaching, and we hope everyone enjoys themselves and has a great time.

Our 11th National Night Out will be held on Tuesday, August 12th, at 5:30 pm, we are very excited and in the works of making it an awesome night.

City of Harrington Closings

July 4
Independence
Day

September 1
Labor Day



Utility Bills Due

August 10

Tax Bills Due

October 31

City Council Meetings & Workshops

July 7	6:30 pm	Workshop
July 21	7:00 pm	Meeting
August 4	6:30 pm	Workshop
August 18	7:00 pm	Meeting
September 2	6:30 pm	Workshop
September 15	7:00 pm	Meeting

Who's Who in the City?

Anthony R. Moyer, Mayor

City Council:

Cheryl J. Lahman (Vice Mayor) District 4
 Charles W. Porter, District 1
 Amy L. Minner, District 2
 Fonda Coleman, District 3
 Kenneth W. 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