



CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

April 2015

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>

Zoning Code Rewrite

The City is conducting a rewrite of Chapter 440, Zoning. The first draft is available to view or print on the City's website and is available to view at City Hall and the Library during normal business hours.

Comments on the proposed Chapter 440, Zoning, must be submitted in writing to the Clerk of Council by email at kblanchies@cityofharrington.com or mailed/dropped-off to City Hall, 106 Dorman St., Harrington, DE 19952.

Comments are due by May 6, 2015. All written comments will be registered and considered for consultant/staff recommendations.

Message from the Harrington Police Department



Many of you will soon notice a new Speed Trailer located at different areas around town. It was purchased with funds provided by the Kent County Levy Court. The trailer will help to deter speeders as well as providing us with valuable data.

With the arrival of spring we would like to remind everyone to be aware of more pedestrians out on our streets. While driving please be extra cautious of the children out playing, walking & riding bikes. Please be safe and enjoy the Spring weather.

Freedom Park will soon have a sound system installed, and we will be debuting our new movie screen and sound system as soon as we have some warmer weather. The sound system is being purchased through a grant from Levy Court. We look forward to hosting more movies, concerts & events in our park.

We would like to thank the Kent County Levy Court Commissioners and Administrator for the recent funding which is allowing us to purchase much needed equipment and host events for our entire community.

Harrington Municipal Election



For Council Districts 2 & 4
Tuesday, May 5, 2015, 12 pm-7 pm
Price Community Center,
103 Dorman St.

More information is available on the City's website and posted public notices or call City Hall.

Community Garden

Harrington is having a community garden this summer. All vegetables are free. Volunteers are needed. Call HPR.



Grass Cutting & Yard Waste

Warm weather means yard work. Please remember that the City's Code requires that grass be 6" or less in height. Grass clippings must be cleared from the sidewalk & street as soon as mowing is complete. Yard waste cannot be placed in with regular household garbage but can be dropped off at the Public Works Yard during Spring Clean Up Week (see below) or on Wednesdays, 9 am-3 pm (hours extended in the summer).



Congratulations to 2014 Officers of the Year
Sgt. Joseph Perna and
Cpl. Richard Baker!



Senior/Disabled Citizen Partial Tax Relief applications are available in City Hall and due by June 1, 2015. *This form must be completed every year to be eligible for the discount.*



**National Library Week
April 12-18**



Message from the Mayor

Agendas for upcoming meetings are posted on the City's website and on the bulletin board in front of City Hall 7 days in advance. Council Meetings are held the third Monday of the month, and Council Workshops are usually the first Monday of the month.

The public is welcome to attend any City meeting. The City wants to hear opinions. There are a number of important issues coming up.

- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer

Spring Clean Up Week – May 4-9

Harrington residents can take bulk items & yard waste to the Public Works Yard, 102 Franklin Street, for disposal May 4-9. Hours for drop off on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday are 7 am to 3:30 pm. Hours on Wednesday, May 6, are 7 am to 6 pm. Saturday, May 9, hours are 8:30 am to 2 pm.

Photo ID is required as proof of residency. Tires, paint, and batteries will not be accepted. Appliances must have the Freon removed by a technician certified to do so and tagged as such. Take advantage of this opportunity to get rid of old furniture, mattresses, or junk in your garage! Call City Hall if you have any questions.



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 Night** – Tuesday, April 7, 6 pm – Start with a theme and create with LEGOs; geared toward 1st to 5th graders; space is limited, sign-up
- **Family Fun Night/Reading to the Dogs** – Thursday, April 9, 6 pm – Free children's craft and improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs
- **Make a Date with Dinosaurs** – Saturday, April 11, 11 am – dinosaur crafts & photo-op with interactive Sarah the Stegosaurus; presented by Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation
- **Book Talk for National Teen Literature Day** – Thursday, April 16, 6 pm – Also recent reads



- **LEGO Night** – Tuesday, April 21, 6 pm – Start with a theme and create with LEGOs; geared toward 1st to 5th graders; space is limited, sign-up
- **LEGO Night** – Tuesday, May 5, 6 pm – Start with a theme and create with LEGOs; geared toward 1st to 5th graders; space is limited, sign-up

- **Teen Meeting and Delayed Teen Egg Hunt** – Tuesday, May 12, 6 pm – All teens welcome; free food
- **Family Fun Night/Reading to the Dogs** – Thursday, May 14, 6 pm – Free children's craft and improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs



- **LEGO Night** – Tuesday, May 19, 6 pm – Start with a theme and create with LEGOs; geared toward 1st to 5th graders; space is limited, sign-up
- **Book Group** – Thursday, May 21, 6 pm

Summer Reading Club Sign-ups Start June 15!

Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com – Like us on Facebook



- **Pop Warner Football & Cheer Signups** Saturday, April 18, 5-7 pm at HPR; bring photo ID & child's birth certificate; must fill out HPR Registration form and forms on Pop Warner website (Pop Warner Contract, Consent Form, Permission and Waiver Form, & Medical History Form); beginning July 1, copy of physical, 4th marking period report card, and payment required
- **Ladies Fit Class** learn new dance steps & have fun; classes on Thursdays 7-7:45 pm and Saturdays 10-10:45 am; \$5 per class
- **Dodgeball Tournament** Saturday, April 25, at W.T. Chipman Middle School; more info to follow
- **Golf Tournament** Friday, May 15, at Johnathan's Landing; accepting registrations for foursomes at a cost of \$300; limited to 25 teams; deadline to enter is May 8; fee includes golf, cart, open range, & luncheon; awards, & prizes after play
- **Heritage Day** Saturday, August 29; now accepting vendor registrations (forms & info on website); space is limited, early registration suggested; Heritage Day planning meetings 1st Tuesday every month at 5:30 pm



Business Survey – A survey was distributed to local businesses by email or mail. If you have not completed it, please do so. If your business did not receive the survey, please email tparker@cityofharrington.com to request one.

Check for Leaks!

Now that the temperature is warming, leaks might be seen because of damage caused by freezing pipes. Check under sinks, behind washing machines, & around basement/crawlspace plumbing for wet spots. Leaks waste water and can cause damage to walls, floors & ceilings.



Fire Pits & Grills

City Council adopted Ordinance 15-01 to clarify the Open Burning Chapter of the City Code. Previously, no burning was allowed; now, fires up to 18" and contained in a fire ring or fire pit are allowed. Still prohibited is the burning of structures, brush, and bonfires. Grills are prohibited on balconies of multi-family dwellings. Please always be safe with fires, keep them clear of combustible materials and have a fire extinguisher ready.

FARMERS MARKET

Saturdays
9 am – 1 pm
Opening May 6
Downtown Harrington



Keep up-to-date on City happenings at <http://harrington.delaware.gov>



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 10 am
St. Bernadette's Church
Dixon & Liberty Streets
For kids 1-10 years old



Utility Bills Due May 10

FREE Housing Repair Program
Call Kent County at 744-2480

City Council Meetings & Workshops

April 14	6:30 pm	Workshop
April 20	7:00 pm	Meeting
May 4	6:30 pm	Workshop
May 18	7:00 pm	Meeting
June 1	6:30 pm	Workshop
June 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

City of Harrington Closings

April 3 Good Friday
May 25 Memorial Day

The City of Harrington has adopted the 2012 Edition of the International Building, Residential, and Property Maintenance Code, which will become effective May 1, 2015.