

## CITY CHATTER—THE CHATTER THAT MATTERS

City Hall  
106 Dorman St.  
Harrington, DE  
398-3530

Police Department  
10 Mechanic St.  
Harrington, DE  
398-4493

Harrington Public Library  
110 Center St.  
Harrington, DE  
398-4647

Parks & Recreation  
114 E. Liberty St.  
Harrington, DE  
398-7975

After Hours On-Call Number 302-632-8827

Website— [harrington.delaware.gov](http://harrington.delaware.gov) NEW WEBSITE

### MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Teresa Tieman

Please welcome our newly elected Council members. On June 4, 2012 three Council Members were sworn in for their terms. The Second District elected Amy Minner to Council. The Third District elected Fonda Coleman to a one year term to fulfill the remainder of a term previously vacated. Fourth District re-elected Cheryl Lahman to a three year term.

The Public Works Department has started installing the new Neptune water meters. As meters are being installed crews have already detected leaks at residences. If a leak is detected at your residence, it is important to fix the leak immediately. All leaks cost!!! Currently if you have a leak, you may not experience the cost directly, but you are paying for it in the long run. Here is how. Your leak is costing in the following ways: more water needs to be produced which requires additional wells. This results in more debt which costs everyone on our system including you. This water goes into the sewer which needs to be treated. We pay Kent County \$2.34 per 1,000 gallons. Harrington residents all bear the cost of leaks. Eventually we all pay. Conserve and keep your plumbing in good working condition for all of our sakes. Once all the meters are installed, it is only a matter of time before you will bear the costs of leaky plumbing directly. *Please conserve now.*

Harrington is conducting its Comprehensive Plan Process from now until its projected finish date of December 21, 2012. This plan is an effort to determine what Harrington's goals and aspirations are in terms of land use and community development. The outcome of the Plan will determine public policy for transportation, utilities, land use, recreation, and housing.

Public input to this plan is encouraged. The public is welcome to attend any meeting regarding the Comprehensive Plan. Check the website for the times of these meetings. All meetings are held in Council Chambers. There are two times scheduled for public input: September 18, 2012 and November 8, 2012. These dates could change, so please check the website for accurate, up-to-date information.

This was my first Budget as your City Manager. The budget was developed using sound financial practices. The tax rate did not increase. Capitation Tax and the early payment discounts were eliminated, which resulted in a zero effect to revenue. We continue to offer a Senior Citizens Discount on taxes for anyone over 65. There was a \$.84 cent per quarter increase in trash to cover the cost of an additional yard clean-up in the fall. More importantly, Council and staff have assured that there will be no decrease in the services you receive. Preparing a budget is a team effort. The Fiscal Year 2013 City Budget authorizes \$3.8 million in operations and \$2.2 million of capital improvements. The budget includes the General Fund, Water Fund, Wastewater Fund and Capital Improvement Fund. Please see the website for a more detailed report of the budget for 2013.

It seems Harrington has a feral cat issue. We are taking steps to work with the community to resolve the issue in a humane and responsible way. We have begun to set up a Trap-Neuter-Release program or T-N-R in connection with Humane Society and Delaware SPCA. Please continue to watch the website for additional information as it becomes available. *Resolving the Community Cat issue is an effort that will require community support and volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering your time or if you are currently assisting community cats, please contact us at City Hall 398-3530. We need your support and assistance!!!*

The new meters are equipped with an antenna on top of the meter pit lid. Please be careful not to disturb this antenna; do not run a lawn mower over top of the meter pit. The property owner will be charged \$125.00 to replace the damaged antenna. Please visit the City of Harrington website for a picture of the antenna that is connected to the water meter.

**Parks & Recreation Events—www.hprnews.com or call the office at 302-398-7975**

Tai Chi Classes for adults are offered on Wednesdays at 10 am at no charge. There will be Yoga classes for adults on Mondays at 10am and 6:30 pm and Wednesdays at 9am. Cost is \$8 per class. Soccer and Tennis registrations will be held during the month of July ONLY! For complete details, please visit our website. Dance registrations begin in July for the 2012/2013 dance program. Children as young as 3 1/2 can register.

You can drop off any donations for the Kent County SPCA at the recreation center. For a complete list of needs for the SPCA visit our website: [www.hprnews.com](http://www.hprnews.com).

**Library Events—harrington.delaware.gov or call the library at 302-398-4647**

The Summer Reading program is underway with a lot of participation again this summer. The Library has planned many programs throughout the summer for all age groups to attend. Come to the library on July 2nd and pickup poster board for the Nighttime Art Show. There will be snakes and turtles, children's theatre presentations, movies, Teddy Bear sleep over, reading to dogs and Book discussions. There is always plenty to do at the library. And while you are there pick out a book to read and enjoy.

Checkout our new website [harrington.delaware.gov](http://harrington.delaware.gov). Much of the layout for the new website is similar to the previous site. The site is an improvement in many ways. It is provided at no cost and was developed through Delaware Government Information Center, a state agency. The City Hall staff would like to extend a big "Thank You" to the [Delaware Government Information Center](http://Delaware Government Information Center) and Christine Karpovage for their hard work. City staff has spent a great deal of time making this site look great especially Rhiannon Bush and Kelly Blanchies. So another big "Thank You" to both of them.

The Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants on the third Monday and Tuesday of every month. If you have brown water let your cold water run for a while and it should clear up in a short period of time. Any questions please call the office at 398-3530.

**UTILITY BILLS DUE**

**AUGUST 10, 2012**

**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

Bill Falasco, Supervisor Parks & Recreation

Alan Moore, Supervisor Public Works

Christine Hayward, Library Director

John Rathje, Supervisor Waste Water Treatment



**City Council Meeting & Workshops**

July 2, 2012	Council Meeting 7:00pm
July 11, 2012	Workshop 6:30pm
July 16, 2012	Council Meeting 7:00 pm
August 6, 2012	Council Meeting 7:00 pm
August 15, 2012	Workshop 6:30 pm
August 20, 2012	Council Meeting 7:00 pm
September 4, 2012	Council Meeting 7:00 pm
September 12, 2012	Workshop 6:30 pm
September 17, 2012	Council Meeting 7:00 pm

**City of Harrington Closings**

**July 4, 2012**

**September 3, 2012**