

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—<http://harrington.delaware.gov>

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and wish each of you a safe new year for 2013!!

Mayor Gene Price

MESSAGE FROM THE CITY MANAGER

Teresa Tieman

Special Election

You may be reading or hearing about a “special election” coming up on February 5, from 12 noon till 7 p.m. at Harrington City Hall. This election was set by City Council so that two series of general obligation bonds can be issued in order to finance costs associated with improvements to the City’s municipal wastewater collection and conveyance system and improvements to the City’s water distribution system. These improvements are estimated to cost \$3.5 million. One million dollars will be used to reduce inflow and infiltration (I&I) into our sewer lines. The other \$2.5 million will be used to repair water lines on Liberty Street, Route 13 and Route 14 and to construct a new 800 feet well. These projects will improve our infrastructure and assist us in preparing for future growth.

\$1 million Inflow and Infiltration Project

Inflow and Infiltration allows excess and unnecessary flow of groundwater and rain water into the treatment system. The City proposes to target the northwest and southwest quadrant of the City where known areas of significant I&I have been identified. These areas include Center, Dorman, Fleming, Franklin and Grant Streets, Harrington Avenue, High, Liberty, Mechanic, Milby, Mispillion and Short Streets, Walt Messick Road, Weiner Avenue, West and Wolcott Streets, 2nd Avenue and North and Calvin Streets. These areas have been a constant problem. This repair involves rehabilitating 160 defective manholes and grouting 21,500 feet of leaking sewer pipes.

So, why are spending a million dollars to correct these I&I issues? Excessive I&I reduces the carrying capacity of the sewer lines which can lead to overflowing manholes, and exposure of the community to diseases and pollutants. Fixing these problems will also reduce potential property damage, reduce the need to expand sewer pipes and pump stations, and most of all will reduce the annual fees to treat clean water after it is sent to the Kent County Treatment Facility. The cost savings from this will help pay for the cost of this project.

\$2.5 million Water Distribution Projects

Part of this project constructs a new 800 feet deep, 12-inch supply well with disinfection and associated utilities, control systems and building. This well will replace Well No.1 that cannot sustain needed yields and is only used as a backup. Currently the City of Harrington uses four wells to provide drinking water to the system. All four wells, two constructed in 1944, another in 1965 and most recent in 1997, draw water from the confined Frederica aquifer. Although three of the wells pre-date current construction methods, they are functioning adequately and provide sufficient flow for the City’s current needs. The City’s most recent Annual Drinking Water Quality Report found that the City’s drinking water meets all federal and state requirements and there have been no violations in the past decade. The new well would provide a more reliable water quantity and pressure along with enhancing the water system’s technical and managerial capacity.

This project also includes replacement of aging infrastructure, including 2,500 linear feet (LF) of 8-inch water main, 6,800 LF of 10-inch water main, 27 fire hydrants, 15 water connections, 3,750 LF of 1-inch service laterals, associated valves, meters and connections on Liberty Street, Route 13 and Route 14. These repairs will improve the distribution system, increase water pressure and position the City for growth. Cost savings associated with this project include reduced repair time and expense. Reliability will be improved.

Annual debt service payments are estimated to be \$66,854 for the I&I project and \$167,135 for the water lines and well project. Because these are projects associated with sewer and water, the rates you pay may be affected. Because the projects include cost savings associated with them; the reduction of expense paid to Kent County for treatment and the reduction of repair expense, increases in rates can only be estimated. We believe that if an increase is necessary, rate payers could possibly see a \$16.95 increase per month increase to their utility cost.

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

Spring Soccer—Registration by January 31, 2013 for children ages 2-11, cost is \$60. Practices to begin in March—opening day in April. Youth Indoor Field Hockey—grades K- 5 during the month of March, classes on Mondays & Tuesdays. Yoga classes offered for adults on Mondays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 9:00 am. The cost is \$8.00 per session or \$70.00 for 10 sessions. Tai Chi is available for adults on Wednesday from 10:00—11:00 am on Wednesdays, there is no charge for this class. The Parks and Recreation center will be open for any adult wishing to get out of the elements and walk. Exercise equipment are available for use Monday through Friday while the center is open. Registration for the fitness program is \$50 per person and \$75 per couple annually. We are helping the Kent County SPCA by collecting items on their wish list: Parrot Food, toys, rubbing alcohol, 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. Thank you for your help!!

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

Wednesday, January 2nd Winter Reading Club Starts Thursday, January 3rd Family Movie @ 6:00 pm Tuesday, January 8th Teen Advisory Council Meeting @ 6:00 pm Thursday, January 10th Family Fun Night @ 6:00 pm Tuesday, January 15th Family Movie @ 6:00 pm Thursday, January 17th Book Discussion @ 6:00 pm Thursday, January 24th Reading to Dogs @ 6:00 pm Tuesday, February 5th Family Movie @ 6:00 pm Thursday, February 7th Family Fun Night @ 6:00 pm Thursday, February 21st Book Discussion @ 6:00 pm Thursday, February 28th Reading Logs are due back Thursday, February 28th Reading to Dogs @ 6:00 pm Thursday, March 7th Ed Okonowitz's Meet the First Ladies and Prize drawing for Adult and Teen Winter Reading Club Participants @ 6:00 pm Thursday, March 14th Family Fun Night and Prize Drawing for Children Winter Reading Club Participants @ 6:00 pm Thursday, March 21st Book Discussion @ 6:00 pm on "Poison Study" by Snyder Thursday, March 28th Reading to Dogs @ 6:00 pm

City of Harrington Police Patrolman Richard Baker was recently added to the police force in November replacing the vacancy left by Jessica Jacobs. Chief Norman Barlow and the entire police force wishes everyone a happy, healthy and safe new year.

Winter Hours

The Public Work's Yard on Franklin Street will be accepting yard waste from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm every Wednesday throughout the winter months. Yard waste CANNOT be put in trash cans for pickup!

Sign Up for Harrington's Automated Phone Call System

If you are interested in receiving important information from Harrington via the City's automated phone call system, contact City Hall at 398-3530 with your name and phone number.

Senior Citizen/Disability Discount forms will need to be filled out for your discount on 2014 City of Harrington taxes by May 31, 2013. These forms must be filled out every year in order to be eligible for the discount. Call or stop by city hall for the form.

Utility Bills are Due
February 10, 2013

City Council Meeting & Workshops

January 7, 2013	6:30 pm—Workshop
January 22, 2013	7:00 pm—Meeting
February 4, 2013	6:30 pm—Workshop
February 19, 2013	7:00 pm—Meeting
March 4, 2013	6:30 pm—Workshop
March 18, 2013	7:00 pm—Meeting

City of Harrington Closings

January 1, 2013—New Year's Day
January 21, 2013—Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 18, 2013— President's Day
March 29, 2013—Good Friday

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
Kelly Blanchies, Clerk of Council

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

