



CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

July 2013

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 24

The parade starts at 9 am. Our FREE entertainment stage will host the First State Force Band, Flatland Drive, The Hrupsa Sisters, & Blue Hen Country. There will be many craft, food, & merchandise vendors along with info booths. Enjoy the Traveling Street Magician & Wandering Juggler! Also featuring the ABATE Motorcycle Club, Modelers Airplane Club, First State Antique Tractor Clubs, & the Southern DE Street Rod Association. Inflatables & games at the Historical Society parking lot. More info and vendor forms can be found at www.hprnews.com.

New Utility Bill Format

You will notice a different billing format for your quarterly utility bill for the current billing cycle. This new format reduces the billing cost by not utilizing costly preprinted forms. Be sure to look at the area titled "Current Meter Activity".

CURRENT METER ACTIVITY					
	PREVIOUS READING	CURRENT READING		CURRENT READING	USAGE
WATER	12/13/12	XXXXX	03/14/13	XXXXX	XXXXX

This is where you will find your current meter reading and usage. This amount is very important as it could indicate a leak of some sort within your home. The average usage for a residential unit is approximately 12,000-15,000 gallons per quarter. If you see that your usage is substantially higher than this, you may want to check your toilets, faucets, or outside spigots for drips. Although the City is not currently billing based on usage, usage based billing is in the near future. Because of this, you should be mindful of the amount of water used within your home. If you need further assistance, please contact City Hall.

See website for a look at the entire bill.

Message from the Harrington Police Department



With the summer months upon us, we as a community need to make sure that the City of Harrington is a safe & happy place to live, work, & visit. With school ending, children around town will be out & about on their bicycles. Adults need to make sure their 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 & watch out for pedestrians & other motorists. Remember "arrive alive."

The Harrington Police Department, along with help from the City of Harrington, has made great progress in building Freedom Park (located next to the Harrington Police Department). The gazebo is finished, and the park was dedicated on May 6. We are very excited to expand upon Freedom Park; some of the plans are to add landscaping such as trees, flowers, & benches. Freedom Park will house community events put on by the Harrington Police Department, and we are thrilled to be able to give back to our community. Make sure to keep an eye out for all the additions coming soon to Freedom Park.

Officer Bill Davis, who has worked for the Police Department for the last 4 years, has left Harrington to take a position with the Smyrna Police Department. We wish him the best with all his future endeavors. Our K-9, Nero, has been retired as of June.

We also want to welcome Dustin Fraley, who is joining our Department in July. He was previously employed by the Milton Police Department, and we are excited to welcome him to HPD.

Message from the Mayor

This is my first letter to the City Chatter since being elected to office. I would like to thank all those who have stood with me in this endeavor, and with the full support of the Council, we can make some positive changes. I have said before that I have an open door policy and am always looking for new approaches to old problems, please feel free to call me at any time at (302) 242-0883. As promised, there will be a roll call in the Journal of all Council meeting votes.



We are also looking for anyone who would like to volunteer for committees; one will be a youth council program, another an economic development committee.

I would also like to wish the best of luck to outgoing Mayor Price and thank him for his long service to the City. We are fortunate to be able to have three former Mayors from which we can garner wisdom (Mr. Farrow, Mr. Cahall, and Mr. Price).

- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer

Crime Free Housing Program

On March 18, 2013, the City Council adopted Ordinance 13-03 amending Chapter 314, Rental Properties, to institute a Crime Free Housing Program. The program includes the following components:

- **Housing Seminar** - All landlords are required to participate in a crime free housing seminar approved by the Harrington Police Department. A refresher seminar must then be attended every 3 years.
- **Lease Addendum** - Rental leases must be in writing and include a crime free addendum (see website or City Hall for a sample lease addendum).
- **Eviction** - Tenants who fail to comply with the crime free lease addendum must be evicted.

More detailed information & Ordinance 13-03 are available on the City's website. Contact City Hall at 398-3530 with any questions.

Like us on Facebook – City Hall, Library, Parks & Rec, & Police pages.

Library Events

Visit website or call for info

Regular Monthly Events:

- 2nd Thursday, 6 pm – Family Fun Night with activities for kids
- 3rd Thursday, 6 pm – Recent Reads Book Discussion
- Job Center every Friday, 1-4 pm



Special Programs and Events:

- Summer Reading Club – For all ages, sign up until August 1
- Dino Club – Every Monday in July at 2 pm, dinosaur themed crafts and activities for ages pre-school to 10; must sign up
- Wriggling Worms – July 2, 1 pm – Learn what makes a worm so amazing through hands on learning; presented by Killens Pond State Park
- Simple Gifts Concert – July 9, 6 pm at Freedom Park – Great for the whole family
- Zombie Movie Night – July 16, 6 pm
- Computer Class – July 22, 12:15 pm – For first time computer users; registration required
- Underground Creature Movie Feature – July 23, 4 pm – With free popcorn and lemonade
- Reading to Dogs – July 30, 6 pm
- Worm House Craft – August 1, 6 pm – Build a worm house then adopt one; must be 10+
- Rehoboth Summer Children's Theater – August 13, 2 pm – Jack and the Beanstalk
- Beneath the Surface Party for Teens – August 20, 6 pm – Games, prizes, and food
- Reading to Dogs – August 22, 6 pm
- Computer Class – August 26, 12:15 pm – Intro to Microsoft Word; registration required

Coming in September: Movie Nights, Reading to Dogs, Job Center, Storytime, Book Discussion, and Teen Advisory Council Meeting.

Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com

- Soccer ages 2-U12 division, tots \$40, \$65 1st player, \$55 2nd, \$45 each add'l in family, registration in July only, parent coaches needed
- Dance registration begins July 1, ages 3 ½ & up, weekly classes for 10 months, see website for cost
- Tennis for ages 7-13 at Lake Forest High twice a week for 4 weeks, \$55 & \$15 to order racket
- Ladies Night Fit Class Tues. & Thurs. at 6 pm, \$5 per class
- Belly Dancing Thurs. at 7 pm, ages 16 & up, \$5 per class
- FREE Tai Chi Wed. at 10 am
- Yoga Mon. at 10 am & Wed. 9 am, \$8 per class or 10 for \$70
- Adult Fitness exercise equipment available during regular hours, must register, annually \$50 per person or \$75 per couple
- Donations accepted for SPCA

Yard Waste Information

Warm weather and rain means that grass grows quickly. 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, because any material on those surfaces can be washed down into the storm drains and cause clogs.

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.



City of Harrington Closings



July 4 Independence Day
Sept. 2 Labor Day

Don't forget to stop by the **Farmers' Market** on Saturdays, 9 am to 1 pm, on Commerce Street.

The City's **Comprehensive Land Use Plan** had been reviewed by the State. Comments are being reviewed by the City, & once revisions have occurred, the Plan will be resubmitted to the State & approved by City Council. The Comp Plan can be viewed in City Hall or on the City's website.

Common Code Violations

Prohibited Weed Growth – Grass must be kept at maximum height of 6"

Prohibited Deposits of Trash – Trash & debris must be removed from yard
External Placement of Interior Furniture – Couches, mattress, appliances, etc. are not allowed to be placed outside

Parking in Front & Side Yards – Vehicles must be parked in the driveway or rear yard of a house or on the street as allowed

Structure Address Numbering – Building numbers must be visible from the street

Contact Code Enforcement Officer Tom Carroll, 398-4428, with any questions.

Library Needs Assessment

The Harrington Public Library was established in 1978. It provides services to about 12,000 residents in Harrington and the surrounding area. The Library moved to its current 2,300 square foot facility in 1986.

The City is seeking a consultant to identify the needs of the Library and implement a scope for the library building project. The goal is to provide adequate services for the next 20 years. The needs assessment is being funded by the State of Delaware.

The Library Needs Assessment Committee has asked for presentations from 4 consultants, & City Council will make the final selection in July.



Fiscal Year 2014 Budget



The operating & capital improvement budgets were adopted by Council on June 17. A copy of the resolution (13-R-09) with attached budgets can be viewed on the City's website or in City Hall.

There are several large capital projects, including the lagoon closure plan (\$914,000), Clark Street water main (\$258,000), and a pump station monitoring system (\$92,718). Smaller capital projects include maintenance & improvements to City owned buildings & streets.

Utility Bills Due

August 10

Tax Bills Due

October 31

City Council Meetings & Workshops

July 1	6:30 pm	Workshop
July 8	6:30 pm	Workshop
July 15	7:00 pm	Meeting
July 29	6:30 pm	Workshop
August 5	6:30 pm	Workshop
August 19	7:00 pm	Meeting
Sept. 3	6:30 pm	Workshop
Sept. 16	7:00 pm	Meeting

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