



CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

October 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>

Fall Clean Up Week – October 21-25

Harrington residents can take unwanted items to the Public Works Yard, 102 Franklin Street, for disposal. Hours for drop off are 7 am to 3:30 pm with hours extended to 6 pm on Wednesday, October 23.

Photo ID 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.

Message from the **Harrington Police Department**



We are very excited that for the first time in history, the Harrington Police Department has a full time School Resource Officer (SRO) in our local middle school. PFC Stubbs has become the first SRO officer at W.T. Chipman. We are thankful to the Mayor, City Council, Lake Forest School Board, Dr. Curry and Administration that helped make this possible. We are hoping that we can build a strong relationship between our students and the Police Department. It is our goal to be more proactive than reactive.

We would like to welcome Patrolman Dustin Fraley to our department. Dustin began working for HPD in July. Welcome Dustin!

Fall is now upon us now, and it will soon be time for trick-or-treating. We would like to remind everyone to watch out for children and for parents to have kids dress in reflective clothing if they will be out after dark.

If you see any suspicious activity, please report it to the police.



Mayor's Prayer Breakfast

Thursday, October 17 – 7:00 am
Harrington Fire Hall, 20 Clark Street

The public is invited to attend Mayor Moyer's Prayer Breakfast. The speaker will be Colonel Richard Moore, Jr., Wing Commander for the 436th Airlift Wing at Dover Air Force Base.

Tickets are \$17 & can be purchased at City Hall until October 3.

Message from the Mayor

Another summer has passed and a lot of events. I would like to thank all the City staff and volunteers that made Police Night Out and Heritage Day such great events.

There has been a lot of work on sidewalks and streets with still more to be done as time and money allows. I have been asked as to when certain streets that are in need of repair are to be completed. In response, all streets are on a priority list in order of most need and all will be done as funds become available. If there is a question as to where a street is on the list contact City Hall.

As I stated when I ran for office, I do not feel that tax dollars should pay for the Christmas party. Myself and a couple of Council Members have joined with the Rotary Club to throw a party to thank all those volunteers that give so much for the benefit of the City. This party is open to the public, and I would appreciate any volunteers to help make it happen.

The City of Harrington is losing a great asset in Ruthann Messick. I would like to take a moment to publicly thank her for the countless hours and effort that she has given this City and wish her the best in all her future endeavors. She will be sorely missed.

In closing, everyone is invited to Council Meetings to voice their opinions and thoughts. I wish everyone the best of holidays!

- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer

Trick-or-Treating

Thursday, October 31
6 – 8 pm
Kids 12 & under



Tree Lighting & Caroling

Thursday, December 5 – 6 pm
Freedom Park (next to Police Station)
Featuring the Central Singers and
Lake Forest High School Chorus
Cookies & Hot Coco will be served



Christmas Parade

Friday, December 6, 7 pm
Theme to be announced

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
- Storytime every Wednesday, 10:45 am

Special Programs and Events:

- Halloween Planning Meeting for Volunteers – Tuesday Oct. 1, 6 pm – With free snacks
- Free Computer Class – Monday, Oct. 7, 12:15 pm – Basics for first time computer users; must register
- Family Movie Night – Tuesday, Oct. 8, 6 pm – With free snacks
- Free Computer Class – Monday, Oct. 21, 12:15 pm – For beginner computer users
- Halloween Planning Meeting for Volunteers – Tuesday Oct. 22, 6 pm – With free snacks
- Reading to the Dogs – Thursday, Oct. 24, 6 pm
- Free Computer Class – Monday, Oct. 28, 12:15 pm – Intro to word processing; must register
- Family Movie Night – Tuesday, Oct. 29, 6 pm – With free snacks
- Haunted Library – Thursday, Oct. 31, 6pm – Candy & goodies
- Free Computer Class – Monday, Nov. 4, 12:15 pm – Topic TBA
- Family Game Night – Tuesday, Nov. 5, 5 pm – Play Scrabble or bring your own; all ages
- Food Lore: Scrapple, Muskrat, and More – History and influences of Delmarva food
- Free Computer Class – Monday, Nov. 11, 12:15 pm – Topic TBA
- Free Computer Class – Monday, Nov. 18, 12:15 pm – Topic TBA
- Family Game Night – Tuesday, Nov. 19, 5 pm – Play Scrabble or bring your own; all ages
- Movie Marathon – Tuesday, Nov. 26, 4 pm – With snacks
Check website & Facebook for December events

Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com

Come see our teams! Love those Little Spartans!

- Pop Warner Football and Cheer home games Saturday, October 12, vs Milford and Saturday, November 2, vs Cape and Woodbridge, games at 9 am, 11 am, and 1 pm
- Soccer every Saturday at 8:30 am at St. Bernadette's with the last game on October 26 
- FREE Tai Chi every Wednesday at 10 am
- Adult Fitness year round – bikes, treadmills, ellipticals, Nautilus stations, or walk the floor; annual membership \$50/person or \$75/couple
- Dance registrations open for a few more months; 3½ & older; weekly classes are Creative Movement for Tots, Intro to Dance, Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, Jazz, and Musical Theatre 
- 1CW Pro Wrestling Fundraiser Saturday, October 5, 4:30 pm, doors open at 3 pm; tickets \$10 in advance or \$15 at door available at Rec Center or call 302-264-1330 or 302-331-6887

Beginning January 1, 2014, the quarterly trash rate will increase to \$51.76 to cover the rate increase included in the waste hauler's contract.

Paving Program for 2013

Portions of Dickerson and Simmons Streets will be paved for the 2013 Street Paving Program. There will be some drainage improvements made in the area as well. The street program for 2013 has been awarded to Jerry's Paving with the low bid of \$169,392.50.

The City is currently working on updating the paving priority list based on street condition. Streets in poor condition are a higher priority for paving.

Tax Bills Due

October 31

Utility Bills Due

November 10

The gazebo in Freedom Park has been named the **Chief Norman Barlow Pavilion** in honor of Chief Barlow's devotion to developing the empty lot into a park.

Sewer Capacity Study & Master Plan

A study was conducted by the City Engineers to determine if the current collection & conveyance system can handle the additional flows for future land development. Some upgrades were recommended on a two year schedule. The cost for maximum build out improvements is estimated to be \$1.6 million. For more information click "City Manager's Message" on the City's website.

Impact Fee Study

The City has established water & sewer impact fees so that the cost of new development is borne by those causing the need for increased services & not by the citizens currently paying for services. The current rate payers have already paid for the infrastructure they require.

The current impact fees have been in place for over five years, and there have been significant changes made to our operations and capital plans to warrant an updated study. It will provide a fair basis for setting a new rate for impact fees.


Library Needs Assessment

Becker Morgan Group has been selected to perform the Library Needs Assessment for Harrington & determine the ideal size of the library. Expansion or a new building, along with a location, may be recommended. More information to come as this project proceeds.

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

City of Harrington Closings

October 14	Columbus Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 28 & 29	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day
January 1, 2014	New Year's Day

City Council Meetings & Workshops

October 7	6:30 pm	Workshop
October 21	7:00 pm	Meeting
November 4	6:30 pm	Workshop
November 18	7:00 pm	Meeting
December 2	6:30 pm	Workshop
December 16	7:00 pm	Meeting