



# CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

October 2014

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>

## Trick-or-Treating

Friday, October 31  
6-8 pm  
Kids 12 & under



**Water conservation not only helps our planet, but it saves you money on your water & sewer bills too! Saving a few gallons here & there adds up to big savings in water usage & utility costs.**

Water conservation tips & info is available in a brochure in City Hall & on the City's website

## Library Update

The City has spent several months engaged in a needs assessment for our Library. An assessment of our current Library was prepared using the Delaware Div. of Libraries Facility Assessment form. Group interviews, public workshops, staff focus group discussions, and a town hall meeting were held. Copies of the Needs Assessment are available at the Library & on the City's website. Currently, the Library Site Selection Committee has been meeting & an architect chosen to assist with a potential design once a site is picked.

## Water and Sewer Bills

This billing is the first usage based bills using the water meter readings. The new water and sewer rates are now effective. The in-city rates are as follows:

Sewer Charges	Water Charges
Base fee per EDU/Billable Unit: \$80	Base fee per EDU/Billable Unit: \$35
Debt Service: \$52	Debt Service: \$13.30
Base Fee: \$28	Base Fee: \$21.70
Usage per \$1,000 gallons: \$8.10	Usage per 1,000 gallons: \$3.25
KC Treatment: \$2.34	
Usage: \$5.76	

Commercial properties will no longer have a 20,000 gallon allowance. Please check the usage listed on your utility bill, if it is above 15,000 gallons (average residential usage) for the quarter, you may want to check for leaks.

There is a pamphlet available in City Hall and on the City's website for leak detection and water saving tips. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact City Hall at 302-398-3530.

## Message from the Harrington Police Department



School is officially in session and we want to make sure everyone slows down while driving and watch out for the students who walk to school. Please stop for buses who are picking the students up.

Our next movie night is on Halloween (October 31); we will be watching *Hocus Pocus* at 7 pm, so everyone can still go trick-or-treating and come enjoy the movie! We will have refreshments and also a costume contest! Please call Ruth Peterman or Lori Williams at 302-398-4493 with any questions.

Please do not give any personal information out over the phone. Be aware of scams, and if you give your information out, you will be subjected to identity theft. When you send money to people you do not know personally or give personal or financial information to unknown callers, you increase your chances of becoming a victim of telemarketing fraud.

## Christmas Parade

Fri., Dec. 5  
7 pm, Downtown

## Tree Lighting & Caroling

Wed., Dec. 3  
6 pm, Freedom Park

## Message from the Mayor

With the reading of the water meters, we are set to move forward with repairs to the City's infrastructure, & this process has begun. You should start to see activities in our streets within the next couple of months. With the savings from those repairs, we will be able to make more repairs.

I would like to send a special thank you to Representative Outten, Representative Wilson, Senator Simpson, & Commissioner Howell for all they have done for this City & the people who live here, such as the new floor in HPR, all the street work, & many other things that we take for granted.

In closing, from myself, Council, and the employees of the City, I hope your holidays are all that you wish for.

- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer

## Fall Clean Up - With 2 Saturdays

Citizens of Harrington can take yard waste & bulk items to the Public Works Yard, 102 Franklin St., for disposal. Photo ID required as proof of residency. Tires, paint, & batteries will not be accepted. Appliances must have the Freon removed by someone certified to do so & tagged as such. Call City Hall if you have any questions.

## Dates in October

Fri. 10<sup>th</sup>  
Sat. 11<sup>th</sup>  
Mon. 13<sup>th</sup>  
Fri. 17<sup>th</sup>  
Sat. 18<sup>th</sup>

Hours 10 am - 3 pm



## 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:**

- Teen Meeting – Thursday, October 2, 6 pm – To discuss the Halloween program, good volunteer opportunity
- Terrifying Tuesdays Movies - Vampires – Tuesday, October 7, 6 pm – Free refreshments
- Family Fun Night/Reading to the Dogs – Thursday, October 9, 6 pm – Free children's craft and improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs
- Book Sale – Saturday, October 11, 9 am - 1 pm – Low priced books, movies, cds, & audiobooks
- Terrifying Tuesdays Movies - Werewolves – Tuesday, October 14, 6 pm – Free refreshments
- Book Discussion – Thursday, October 16, 6 pm
- Terrifying Tuesdays Movies – Frankenstein's Monster – Tuesday, October 21, 6 pm – Free refreshments
- Teen Meeting – Thursday, October 23, 6 pm – To discuss the Halloween program, good volunteer opportunity
- Terrifying Tuesdays Movies – Creature Feature – Tuesday, October 28, 6 pm – Free refreshments



### **Haunted Library**

October 31, 6 pm  
In garage behind library  
Kids 12 and under  
Candy and other prizes!



## Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com – Like us on Facebook



- **Indoor Field Hockey** for grades 6-12, Mondays & Tuesdays November to February with league play on Sundays in Dover, \$75
- **Adult Fitness** center open during regular business hours, must be 18+, registered, & show ID, \$50/person or \$75/couple annually
- **Little Spartans Boys Basketball** ages 5-12, Saturdays December to February at Chipman, \$55
- **Yoga** Thursdays 10:05 – 10:50 am, \$8/class or 10 for \$70
- **Tai Chi Classes** Wednesdays 10:05 am – 10:50 am, \$5/class
- **HELP THE KENT COUNTY SPCA AT HPR!!!** You can drop off items to donate for pets in the collection box at Rec Center

**Winter is coming!** With the onset of lower temperatures and winter weather, there are a few things to keep in mind:

- ❄ Pipes may freeze & cause leaks. Know where the master water shut-off valve is located in your house, or have one installed, to save water & prevent water damage.
- ❄ Snow & ice must be removed from the sidewalks along your property within 24 hours of it finishing snowing.
- ❄ Remove hoses from outside spigots to prevent freezing.
- ❄ If possible, don't park cars on streets during snowfall.
- ❄ Water is metered, so there will be a charge for water left running to prevent frozen pipes.

### **Public Works Winter Hours for Yard Waste Drop-off**

Residents can drop off yard waste (leaves, branches) at the Public Works Yard, 102 Franklin Street, on Wednesdays from 8 am - 3 pm. Yard waste cannot be placed in trash.

## **Halloween Safety Tips**

- 🍎 Trick-or-treat with groups or an adult
- 🍎 Use reflective tape & flashlights to help drivers see you
- 🍎 Costumes should fit well & accessories should be soft & flexible
- 🍎 Walk, don't run; check both ways before crossing the street; use sidewalks & crosswalks
- 🍎 Never accept rides or homemade treats from strangers
- 🍎 Examine treats for choking hazards & tampering before eating
- 🍎 Never walk near candles

Sign up on the City's website or call City Hall to register for CodeRed & receive important information from the City via automated phone call, e-mail, or text message.



Any property occupied by anyone other than the registered owner is required to obtain a **rental license**. Rental licenses fees are to be paid in full by January 1 each year. The owner of the property has 90 days (until April 1) to have a rental inspection completed. It is the responsibility of the property owner to schedule a rental inspection. Call Carl Klotz, Code Enforcement Officer, 398-4428.

Trash/recycling collection schedule available in City Hall and website.

### **City Council Meetings & Workshops**

October 6	6:30 pm	Workshop
October 20	7:00 pm	Meeting
November 3	6:30 pm	Workshop
November 17	7:00 pm	Meeting
December 1	6:30 pm	Workshop
December 15	7:00 pm	Meeting

## **City of Harrington Closings**

November 4	Election Day
November 11	Veterans' Day
November 27	Thanksgiving Day
November 28	Day after Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day
December 26	Day after Christmas*

\*City Council approved the switching of Columbus Day for the Day after Christmas for the 2014 Holiday Schedule only.

**Utility Bills Due**

November 10

**Tax Bills Due**

October 31

### 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

