



CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

January 2015

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>

What City services will you use today?

Cities make sure residents receive the services essential to a good quality of life. Many of these services are so much a part of our daily lives and are so dependable, that we rarely give them a second thought. Whether directly or through partnerships, cities are responsible for making sure residents can rely upon:

- Clean drinking water
- Sewer systems and treatment processes
- Trash collection and recycling
- Drivable streets and walkable sidewalks
- Police, fire, and ambulance services
- Clean and enjoyable public green spaces
- Opportunities to strengthen physical and mental well-being
- Special services that are borne out of unique community needs or attributes
- Stewardship of city tax dollars and the public trust
- Partnerships with residents to plan the future of the community

For more information on services that cities provide, visit our website or citiesmatter.org. For Harrington specific statistics on city services, see the Thank You brochure on our website or in City Hall.



Congratulations to Harrington's **Norman Barlow**, Delaware League of Local Governments' 2014 Police Chief of the Year!

Message from the Mayor

I hope everyone had a great holiday and wish only the best for all in the new year.

Things are moving along in the City, and repairs to the sewer lines will be taking place very soon. These actions are of extreme importance for the growth of the City as well as keeping the cost of service down.

As always, I am inviting all who wish to attend and let us hear your voice to City Council meetings, which are held on the third Monday every month. The agenda and packet are posted on the City's website and can also be viewed in City Hall.

- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer

Message from the Harrington Police Department

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!



Here are some tips on keeping your family & your property safe:

- Keep all car doors locked and windows closed while in or out of your car. Set your alarm or use an anti-theft device.
- Never leave your car unoccupied with the motor running or with children inside.
- Keep your doors locked and keep all valuables out of site whether in your car or in your home.
- If you plan to travel for the holidays, don't discuss your plans with strangers and do not put those plans on social media.
- Have a trusted friend or neighbor to keep an eye on your home.
- We offer home check, if you are going out of town stop by the station and fill out a form. We will check your property while you are away.
- You should also have lights to light up your property at night, by doing this it will help deter crime. It costs a minimum amount of money to do this.

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

Test for a Toilet Leak



Put 10 drops of food coloring in the toilet tank; wait 15 minutes; if color seeps into the toilet bowl, then there is a leak.

Most toilet leaks can be fixed with simple tools and a do-it-yourself manual.

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. Do not throw snow into the street.
- ❄ 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.

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:



- Family Fun Night/Reading to the Dogs – Thursday, January 8, 6 pm – Free children's craft and improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs
- Trivia Night – Tuesday, January 13, 6 pm – Teams of 2 or more people compete for a prize basket; call to register
- Book Group – Thursday, January 15, 6 pm
 - Trivia Night – Tuesday, February 10, 6 pm – Teams of 2 or more people compete for a prize basket; call to register
- Family Fun Night/Reading to the Dogs – Thursday, February 12, 6 pm – Free children's craft and improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs
- Mardi Gras Party – Tuesday, February 17, 6 pm – Kids can stuff and decorate a bear; snacks served; sign up in advance
- Book Group – Thursday, February 19, 6 pm
- Terrible Day Movie – Tuesday, February 24, 6 pm – View a movie about a little boy and his family who are having the worst day; free refreshments



Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com – Like us on Facebook



- Mat Ratz Wrestling Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 6 to February 26 at South B Elementary, beginner class at 6:15 pm and advanced class at 7:00 pm
- Youth Indoor Field Hockey instructional program for grades K-5 on Wednesdays in February; time TBA; \$75 with equipment or \$50 registration only
- Spring Soccer ages 2 & 3 to U12 age division; deadline to register is February 20; \$65 for 1st player in family, \$55 for 2nd, \$45 each additional, \$35 for tot
- Cheerastics ages 6 to 15; focus on jumps and tumbles of cheer, safety and motions of cheer and dance, and techniques of stunting, basing, and flying; registration until March 30 or classes fill (30 per class); \$75
- Basic Tumbling & Gymnastics ages 4 to 9; instruction in the proper techniques in tumbling, jumps, and motion; classes April to June; registration until March 30 or class fills (30 participants); \$60
- **HELP THE KENT COUNTY SPCA AT HPR!!!** You can drop off items to donate for pets in the collection box at Rec Center



Senior/Disabled Citizen Partial Tax Relief applications are available in City Hall and due by June 1, 2015. This form must be completed every year to be eligible for the discount.

MLK Day January 19

"We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

- Martin Luther King Jr.

Report Water, Sewer, and Public Works Issues

Harrington is asking for your assistance. From time to time problems arise of which we are not aware. Should you encounter a water, sewer, or public works issue, please contact us.

If you have an after-hours water, sewer, or public works emergency, please call the after-hours number, (302) 632-8827. During normal working hours (8 am to 4 pm), please call Harrington City Hall at (302) 398-3530.

It is important to report problems to City Hall or the after-hours emergency number even if you have reached out to a public official or staff member. If an issue is not reported in this manner, valuable time may be wasted in resolving the matter.

Thank You, City of Harrington Taxpayers and Ratepayers

You are helping to make Harrington a better place to live, work, and play.

Together, during the last year, we recycled 429,060 pounds of valuable materials, responded to 852 emergency medical calls within the City of Harrington, maintained 16.86 miles of road, and plowed 354 miles of snow. We delivered 125,852,000 gallons of water and transmitted sewer for the businesses and citizens of Harrington.

For more info, see the Thank You brochure on our website or in City Hall.

City of Harrington Closings

January 1 & 2 New Year's
January 19 Martin Luther King Day
February 16 Presidents' Day

FREE Housing Repair Program

for homeowners with low to moderate incomes. Call Kent County Planning at 744-2480.

Utility Bills Due February 10



Have questions about a City of Harrington related issue? Get the facts – call City Hall at 398-3530.

Keep up-to-date on City happenings at <http://harrington.delaware.gov>

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.



City Council Meetings & Workshops

January 5	6:30 pm	Workshop
January 20	7:00 pm	Meeting
February 2	6:30 pm	Workshop
February 17	7:00 pm	Meeting
March 2	6:30 pm	Workshop
March 16	7:00 pm	Meeting

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