



CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

July 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>



Saturday, August 29

Start making plans now to attend Heritage Day and see the many exhibitors and vendors such as Antique Tractors & Autos, Model Airplanes, Petting Zoo, Inflatables and live entertainment! Parade starts at 9 am.

Vendor registrations are now being accepted for craft/food vendors and info booths. Space is limited; early registration is strongly suggested.

Zoning Code Rewrite

The first reading of the ordinance to adopt the new Chapter 440, Zoning, was passed by City Council on June 15. The Public Hearing and possible adoption of the ordinance is scheduled for July 20, 2015 at 7 pm. The text of the new Zoning Code is available to view or print on the City's website and is available to view at City Hall and the Library during normal business hours.

Comprehensive Rezoning

The City is conducting a comprehensive rezone of certain parcels to align property zoning to the Future Land Use Map adopted as part of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan. All property owners affected were notified by certified mail. More information on this project is available on the City's website.

Message from the Harrington Police Department



The summer months are upon us, and we, as a community, need to make sure the City of Harrington is a safe and happy place to live, work, and visit. With school ending, the children around town will be out and about on their bicycles. Adults need to make sure the children are always wearing a helmet when on a bicycle; bright clothing and reflectors will help keep them visible and safe.

Summer brings heavy traffic, so please remember to slow down and watch out for pedestrians and other motorists. "Arrive Alive!" Please do not use hand held devices while driving, it is against the law and dangerous to you and other drivers around you.

We would like to welcome the 2015 Delaware State Fair. This event is quickly approaching, and we hope everyone has a great time.

Our 12th Annual National Night Out will be held on Thursday, October 8, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. We are very excited and working on making it an awesome night.

Message from the Mayor

I'd like to wish everyone a happy 4th of July!

I would like to thank Cheryl Lahman for her 16 years of service as a Council Member, welcome Eric Marquis to City Council, and congratulate Council Member Duane E. Bivans on his selection as Vice Mayor.

The balanced FY16 budget was approved with no tax, water, sewer, or trash rate increases. Home building has increased in the City this year. The sewer capacity expansion project on Dorman & Center Streets will soon be completed with only paving remaining. Inflow and infiltration (I & I) repair work will be underway this summer.

I would like to thank the USDA, Rep. Bobby Outten, and Sen. F. Gary Simpson for their financial support of the City.

When driving around town, please be cautious of construction workers and pedestrians, especially kids. For more information or updates on projects, please visit the City's website, <http://harrington.delaware.gov>. Have a great summer and see you at Heritage Day on August 29!

- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer



Saturdays
9 am – 1 pm
Through September 19
Commerce Street
Vendors welcome

Community Garden

Open to the public. Pull weeds & help maintain the garden to get FREE vegetables. Call HPR.



The Annual Report to the Electors of the City is available on the City's website.

Safe Summer Reminders

- ☀ Drink lots of water to stay hydrated
- ☀ Wear sunscreen (applied 30 minutes before sun exposure) with at least 15 SPF
- ☀ Seek shade and wear a hat with a wide brim
- ☀ Never leave children alone in a pool or rely on lifeguards to watch them
- ☀ Never leave children or pets in a vehicle unattended
- ☀ Wear a helmet every time you are "on wheels" (bicycle, scooter, skates, skateboard, etc.)
- ☀ Use sidewalks and cross streets at intersections or marked crosswalks
- ☀ Be sure your first aid kit is well stocked to take care of scrapes and burns, include emergency numbers



New 4th District Council Member Eric Marquis (pictured to the left) and incumbent Council Member Amy Minner (District 2) were sworn into office on June 1.


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

Special Programs and Events:

-  **Viking Heroes & Norse Sagas** – Thursday, July 2, 2 pm – For elementary aged children; presented by the American Swedish Historical Museum
- **LEGO Night** – Tuesday, July 7, 6 pm – Start with a theme and create with LEGOs; geared toward 1st to 5th graders; space is limited, sign-up
- **Heroes All Around** – Saturday, July 11, 11 am – Facts and fun to inspire the next generation of heroes; kids can walk on a model lunar surface; presented by DE Aerospace Education Foundation
- **Family Fun Night/Reading to the Dogs** – Thursday, July 9, 6 pm – Free children's craft and improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs
- **Book Talk** – Thursday, July 16, 6 pm
- **Act/vated Story Theater** – Thursday, July 30, 6 pm – Fun and interactive story telling for children of all ages

Sign-up for the Summer Reading Club!



Super Hero Club for Teens

This club will feature a different Super Hero Craft each week to prepare for the Super Hero Obstacle Course! Registration starts Tuesday, July 7, at 2 pm.



Safety by the Code

Pool & Spa Barriers – water over 24" deep requires a 48+" fence with self-closing and self-latching gates.

Fire Pits & Grills – fires up to 18" and contained in a fire pit or fire ring are allowed. Keep fires and grills away from structures and combustible material. Keep a fire extinguisher handy. No brush or bonfires.

Warm summer weather is a good time to catch up on home maintenance and improve energy efficiency.

Don't forget to get your building permit for construction work being done. Call if you aren't sure if you need one.

Hours for yard waste drop off at the Public Works Yard (102 Franklin Street) are extended for the summer – 9 am to 6 pm on Wednesdays.

Schedules for trash collection are available on the City's website and in City Hall. Magnets listing recyclables that will be accepted are also available in City Hall.

Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com
Like us on Facebook

Pop Warner Football & Cheer Signups

Register now; drop off paperwork to HPR during regular business hours

• **Tennis** For kids 7-13 years old; registrations being accepted; classes at Lake Forest High School on Mondays & Wednesdays for 4 weeks; \$50 per person, additional \$15 if racket needed



• **Soccer** Registration for FALL soccer July 1-31; for ages 2 & 3 up to U12 division; registration forms available on website and in office; \$65 for first player in family, \$55 for 2nd, & \$45 each additional, \$40 for tots

• **Ladies Fit Class** learn new dance steps & have fun; classes on Thursdays 7-7:45 pm and Saturdays 10-10:45 am; \$5 per class

• **Dance** For children as young as 3 1/2 years old; 10 month program with a recital; classes held weekly at the dance studio at HPR; registration begins July 1



Water Saving Tips for Summer



- Grow native and adapted plants that thrive on less water
- Layer mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation
- Leave grass clippings on your lawn to hold in moisture
- Clean driveways, sidewalks, and patios with a broom instead of a hose
- Adjust sprinklers so that only the lawn is being watered, not the house and sidewalk
- Water lawns early in the morning or later in the evening when temperatures are cooler



City of Harrington Closings

July 3
Independence Day

September 7
Labor Day



City Council Meetings & Workshops

July 6	6:30 pm	Workshop
July 20	7:00 pm	Meeting
August 3	6:30 pm	Workshop
August 17	7:00 pm	Meeting
September 8	6:30 pm	Workshop
September 21	7:00 pm	Meeting

Who's Who in the City?

Anthony R. Moyer, Mayor

City Council:

Duane E. Bivans (Vice Mayor), District 6
Charles W. Porter, District 1
Amy Minner, District 2
Fonda Coleman, District 3
Eric Marquis, District 4
Kenneth W. Stubbs, District 5

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

What Is I & I and Why Should I Care About It?

I & I stands for inflow and infiltration. Those are the ways that rainwater and groundwater get into the sewer system. Old sewer pipes and leaky manholes allow the clean water to seep into the sewer and combine with wastewater. That once clean water gets sent along with the wastewater to be treated at the Kent County sewer treatment facility, and the City (meaning all those that use the City's sewer system) pays for it to become clean again.



This infrastructure problem is an old one that many, many municipalities face. Harrington has previously conducted studies on the City's I & I and has recently secured funding from the USDA to start repair work. A section of sewer pipe will be blocked off and cleaned, the contractor will use a camera to view the inside of the pipe, and repairs will be made as needed by grouting or sealing the cracks. No digging up of pipes is expected. By limiting I & I, the City will save money.

Utility Bills Due

August 10

Tax Bills Due

October 31