



CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

April 2016

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>

Attention All Homeowners Let's Make Harrington Beautiful!

We want to thank homeowners that take pride in our City and their homes. Thank you for keeping your homes and yards maintained to make your piece of Harrington attractive and a place people want to call home.

Our goal is to make Harrington one of the most attractive places to live in Delaware. Doing so will lead to higher property values for all, increase investment in our town, and boost the amount of companies interested in doing business here.

We need your help to realize this goal. If everyone takes responsibility for keeping their homes maintained, yards free of debris, and lawns and shrub beds manicured, then Harrington can truly be a beautiful town at very little cost.

The City will be strictly enforcing the Property Maintenance Code to help move the community towards this goal. Although it is our desire never have to use it, the Code is a tool to hold residents accountable to certain standards. Please take advantage of the great spring weather to beautify your property. See the article below about Spring Clean Up Week and the article to the right about easy ways to clean up your property.

- Builders & Developers Committee

Message from the Harrington Police Department



Spring is finally here, and we hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weather. Take time to put down your phones and get outside to enjoy time with your family and friends. See the article on the City's website or the HPD Facebook page for more info.

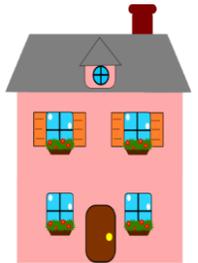
With the nice weather arriving, we will be planning events at Freedom Park. Be on the lookout for our first movie night of the season. We will be showing *War Room* in the near future.

Be aware of scams. Please do not give any personal information out over the phone or you may be subjected to identity theft. Never send anyone money in order to receive a prize in return. The IRS will contact you by mail, not by phone.

Property Maintenance ~ Common Code Violations

Check your property for easy ways to beautify your home and avoid Property Maintenance Code violations:

- o Grass kept at 6" or less (see article below)
- o Trash cans should not be visible from the street
- o Sidewalks should be free of debris and weeds
- o Peeling paint should be removed and repainted
- o Broken windows should be repaired
- o Indoor furniture cannot be placed outside (including porches)



This list is common code violations but is not all inclusive. Contact the Code Enforcement Officer, Adam Poplos, at 398-4428 with any Property Maintenance Code questions.

Spring Clean Up Week – May 6-14

Harrington residents can take bulk items & yard waste to the Public Works Yard, 102 Franklin Street, for disposal May 6-14. Hours for drop off on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday are 7:30 am to 3 pm. Hours on Wednesday, May 11, are 9 am to 5:30 pm. Saturday, May 7 and 14, hours are 8:30 am to 2 pm.



Photo ID is 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.

Grass Cutting & Yard Waste



Warm weather means yard work. Please remember that the City's Code requires that grass be 6" or less in height. Grass clippings must be cleared from the sidewalk & street as soon as mowing is complete. Yard waste cannot be placed in with regular household garbage but can be dropped off at the Public Works Yard, 102 Franklin Street, during Spring Clean Up Week (see article to the left) and on Wednesdays, 9 am-3 pm.

Do not blow grass clippings into the street!

Debris on the streets washes into the storm drains & clogs them leading to poor drainage & flooding.

Yard waste drop off hours will be extended for the summer. Starting May 4, the hours will be 9 am – 5:30 pm.

Library Events

Visit our website and Facebook page or call for info

Regular Events:

- Storytime every Wednesday, 10:45 am
- Baby and Me Storytime on Saturdays, 10:30 am, for ages birth to 24 months
- Computer Help Lab on Mondays, 12 pm, sign up at the front desk

Special Programs and Events:

- Minecraft Club – Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:30 pm – Play Minecraft at the Library with friends on laptops, 10 years old and 8th grade, laptops available as first come (until May 25)
- Job Center – Tuesday, April 5, 1-4 pm – Learn how to write a resume or ask job related questions
- Life-Sized Pac Man for Teens – Tuesday, April 12, 6 pm – For 6th to 12th graders, must sign up
- Mike Rose the Magician/Family Fun Night/Reading to the Dogs – Thursday, April 14, 6 pm – Magic show, free children's craft and improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs
- National Library Week Writing Contest Winner Announcement – Friday, April 15, 4 pm
- Job Center – Tuesday, April 19, 1-4 pm – Learn how to write a resume or ask job related questions
- Book Club – Thursday, April 21, 6 pm – Also a recent reads
- Delaware in the Civil War – Thursday, April 28, 6 pm – Topics include MGA Alfred A. Torbert, Fort Delaware, industrial contributions, Delawareans in the war, and geographic importance
- Job Center – Tuesday, May 3, 1-4 pm – Learn how to write a resume or ask job related questions
- Job Center – Tuesday, May 17, 1-4 pm – Learn how to write a resume or ask job related questions
- Book Club – Thursday, May 19, 6 pm – Also a recent reads
- Cause for Alarm: Protecting Delaware from Fire – Tuesday, May 24, 6 pm – Overview of what fire has done to towns as we rebuilt, implemented new laws, and organized more effective fire protection forces, includes stories of firefighting
- Teen Meeting – Thursday, May 26, 6 pm – All teens are welcome, free food will be served
- Kickoff Party with McElvenney Magic – Saturday, June 4, 11 am – Celebrate the beginning of Library Summer Challenge, magic show, balloon animals, ice cream pops, and sign up for Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations 2015 Officers of the Year Sgt. Joseph Perna & Cpl. Byron Stubbs!

City Council Meetings & Workshops

April 4	6:30 pm	Workshop
April 18	7:00 pm	Meeting
May 2	6:30 pm	Workshop
May 16	7:00 pm	Meeting
June 6	6:30 pm	Workshop
June 20	7:00 pm	Meeting

Community Garden this summer. All vegetables are free. Volunteers are needed. Call HPR at 398-7975.

Utility Bills Due May 10

Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com – Like us on Facebook



- **Pop Warner Football & Cheer Signups** Saturday, April 9, 10-12 pm at HPR; bring photo ID & child's birth certificate; must fill out HPR Registration form and forms on Pop Warner website (Pop Warner Contract, Consent Form, Permission and Waiver Form, & Medical History Form); beginning July 1, copy of physical, 4th marking period report card, and payment required
- **Golf Tournament** Friday, May 20, at Johnathan's Landing; accepting registrations for foursomes at a cost of \$300; limited to 25 teams; deadline to enter is May 13; fee includes golf, cart, open range, & luncheon; awards, & prizes after play
- **Heritage Day** Saturday, August 27; now accepting vendor registrations (forms & info on website); space is limited, early registration suggested

The **Harrington Fire Company** remains proud to serve our community. It has been a busy year so far, including 79 fire incidents and 267 EMS incidents that our volunteers have responded to at all hours of the day and night. This is in addition to the hundreds of hours committed to training and service calls. Since the bulk of our revenue comes from the generosity of our community, volunteers have also been busy working fundraising events in our Community Hall and assisting in the community where they can. To say we are a busy fire company is quite the understatement.

We hope you received our 2016 Ambulance Subscription Fund Drive in the mail recently. We hope you will consider supporting this effort in any amount you can. This fund drive supports strictly our ambulance company so that we can continue to provide high quality EMS services to you.

If you are in need of a smoke detector, please stop by the fire house for a free one. A smoke detector should be placed outside each bedroom and on every floor of the residence. While we celebrate Fire Prevention Week in October, practicing fire safety is an everyday necessity.

The Harrington Fire Company is always in need of volunteers. Information and a membership application can be found by visiting our website at www.harringtonfireco.com.

- Rob Taylor, Fire Chief

Election for Districts 1 & 3

Tuesday, May 3, 12-7 pm
Price Community Center
See website for details

City of Harrington Closings

May 30 Memorial Day

Senior/Disabled Citizen Partial Tax Relief applications are available in City Hall and due by May 31, 2016. This form must be completed every year to be eligible for the discount.

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 L. 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

