



CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

January 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>

Senior/Disabled Citizen Partial Tax Relief applications are available in City Hall and due by May 31, 2015. This form must be completed every year to be eligible for the discount.

Free Housing Repair Program (CDBG) for homeowners with low to moderate incomes. Contact Kent County at 744-2480.

Christmas Tree Recycling
Live Christmas trees can be dropped off at the Public Works Yard (102 Franklin Street) on Wednesdays from 9 am to 3 pm. Please remove all decorations from trees.

All yard waste (leaves, branches, etc.) can be dropped off to the Public Works Yard during those hours. Yard waste cannot be placed in cans with household trash.



Snow Reminders
Even though the temperatures have been warm lately, winter weather will hit Harrington eventually. Keep in mind the following snow related issues:
❄️ Snow & ice must be removed from sidewalks along your property within 24 hours of snowfall ending. Don't throw snow onto streets.
❄️ If possible, don't park cars on the street during snowfall to allow the plows to clear the streets.

No or Low Cost Water Saving Tips

- Turn off the water when brushing teeth & shaving
- 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 easily, check do-it-yourself manuals for instructions)
- Take shorter showers
- Install aerators on showers & faucets at a cost of about \$5 each
- Run only full loads in the dishwasher & washing machine
- Scrape remnants off dishes rather than rinse them before putting them in the dishwasher
- Fill the bathtub halfway or less

More water saving tips are available in the brochure in City Hall and on the website.



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



New Zoning Code Adopted
On July 20, the City of Harrington adopted a new Chapter 440, Zoning. The new Zoning Code is available to view or print on the City's website. All City ordinances can be viewed by visiting the City's website, <http://harrington.delaware.gov>. Select "Government" from the menu at the top of the page then click "City Code."

Rental Licenses
It is time to renew licenses for rental properties. An inspection must be performed by the Code Enforcement Officer before a license can be issued. Call City Hall for info.

Creamy Hot Cocoa

1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder	3 1/2 cups milk
3/4 cup white sugar	3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
1 pinch salt	1/2 cup half & half creamer
1/3 cup boiling water	

Combine the cocoa, sugar & salt in a saucepan. Blend in the boiling water. Bring to an easy boil while stirring. Simmer & stir for 2 minutes. Watch that it doesn't scorch. Stir in milk & heat until very hot (not boiling). Remove from heat & stir in vanilla. Divide between 4 mugs. Add cream to cocoa to cool it.
(from allrecipes.com)

Message from the Mayor
I hope everyone has had a Merry Christmas, and I wish everyone a Happy New Year.
- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer

 Keep up with City news and events by visiting our website, <http://harrington.delaware.gov>, and by "Liking" the Parks & Recreation, Library, and Police Department Facebook pages.

Library Events

Visit our website and Facebook page or call for info

Regular Programs:

- Storytime every Wednesday, 10:45 am
- Computer Help Lab on Mondays, 12 pm, sign-up at front desk

Special Programs and Events:

- Minecraft Club – Mondays & Wednesdays, 3:30 pm – Play Minecraft at the Library with friends on laptops, must be over 10 years old and sign-up
- Job Center – Tuesday, January 5, 1-4 pm – Learn how to write a resume or ask job related questions
- LEGO Builder's Club – Tuesday, January 5, 6 pm – Session starts with theme, big LEGOs available for little kids, parent must remain with child

- Baby and Me Storytime – Saturdays (starting January 9), 10:30 am – For ages 12-24 months
- Family Fun Night/Reading to the Dogs – Thursday, January 14, 6 pm – Free children's craft and improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs
- LEGO Builder's Club – Tuesday, January 19, 6 pm – Session starts with theme, big LEGOs available for little kids, parent must remain with child
- Book to Movies Reading Club – Thursday, January 21, 6 pm – Also recent reads



*Check the library's webpage,
<http://harrington.delaware.gov/library>, or
Facebook for more exciting events!*

Tips for Frugal Living

Did you overspend at the holidays or do you have a New Year's resolution to increase your savings this year? Here are some tips to help you get started saving extra money:

- \$ Instead of buying a drink or snack while out, grab one before you leave the house
- \$ Pack your lunch and cook at home instead of eating out
- \$ Use your public library for free entertainment (books, movies, and events)
- \$ Shop around for everything from big purchases (cars, TVs) to small regular purchases (groceries, gas) to bills (auto insurance, phone service)
- \$ Turn off lights and unplug electronics when not in use
- \$ Plan meals ahead based on what is on sale & in season
- \$ Consider reducing or eliminating services such as cable, home phone, and mobile phone
- \$ Involve the whole family and make cost cutting a game

City of Harrington Closings

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| January 1 | New Year's Day |
| January 18 | Martin Luther King Jr. Day |
| February 15 | Presidents' Day |
| March 25 | Good Friday |

Utility Bills Due

February 10

Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com
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- **Youth Indoor Field Hockey** Instructional program for grades K-5 at rec center; classes Wednesdays in February; \$75 w/equipment or \$50 registration only
- **Spring Soccer** Registration January 4 to February 26; tot (age 2-3) through U12; registration forms available in the office and online; \$65 for first player in family, \$55 for second, \$45 each additional, \$40 for tots
- **Cheerleading** Registration January 4 to March 31 or classes fill; space limited to 30 registered participants per class; for children 6-15 years old; focus is on the instruction of different types of jumps and tumbles as well as safety and motions of cheer and dance and techniques with stunting, basing and flying; \$75
- **Basic Tumbling & Gymnastics** Registration January 4 to March 31 or classes fill; space limited to 30 registered participants; for children 4-9 years old; classes April to June at HPR; teaches proper techniques for tumbling, jumps, and motions; \$60



Winter Reminders

- Know where the master shut-off valve is located in your house, or have one installed, to save water & prevent water damage in case of frozen/leaking pipes.
- Remove hoses from outside spigots to prevent freezing.
- Water is metered, so there will be a charge for water left running to prevent frozen pipes.

Leaky faucets mean wasted water:

Drops per Minute	=	Gallons per Month
60	=	259
90	=	389
120	=	518

Leaky faucets are often caused by worn washers, which can be replaced for less than \$1.

Did you know that...

Harrington was originally known as Clarks Corner & was founded in 1780. The name Harrington was adopted in 1862, and the City of Harrington was incorporated in 1869.

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success."

Henry Ford

City Council Meetings & Workshops

January 4	6:30 pm	Workshop
January 19	7:00 pm	Meeting
February 1	6:30 pm	Workshop
February 16	7:00 pm	Meeting
March 7	6:30 pm	Workshop
March 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