



CITY CHATTER

The Chatter that Matters

April 2017

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>

Regular Municipal Election Tuesday, May 2 ~ 12 pm - 7 pm Price Center, 103 Dorman Street

The positions of Mayor, District 5 Council Member, and District 6 Council Member are up for election this year.

Election notices are posted at City Hall, the Post Office, the Library, and on the City's website. Absentee voting is available if you are unable to make it to the polls. Call the Clerk of Council at 398-4476 with any questions.

Message from the Harrington Police Department



Bicycle Safety Tips

- Wear a properly fitted bicycle helmet
- Check your equipment (tires and brakes)
- See and be seen – wear bright colors day or night
- Go with the traffic flow – ride on the right
- Obey all traffic laws (signs, signals, lane markings)
- Stay alert at all times – use eyes and ears
- Watch for vehicles going in and out of driveways

Spring Travel Safety Tips

- Don't broadcast your whereabouts on social media
- Turn the thermostat down to 55° to save heating costs
- Stow valuables out of sight especially from windows
- Have friends or family check your home. HPD also has security check forms available at HPD and on our website to have an officer check your residence.

Welcome to Harrington's new City Manager, Don Williams!



HELP WANTED

Volunteers are needed for the following events/projects:

- Heritage Day (HPR)
- Community garden (HPR)
- City of Harrington's 150th Anniversary Celebration

To volunteer for HPR call 398-7975. For other events call 398-4476.

Spring Clean Up May 6-13

Residents of Harrington can take bulk trash items to the Public Works Yard (102 Franklin Street) for disposal during Spring Clean Up.

Photo ID is required as proof of residency. Tires, paint, & batteries will not be accepted. Appliances must have the Freon removed by someone certified to do so and tagged as such.

Spring Clean Up Hours:

Clean out your garage, shed, or attic or get rid of that old mattress for free!	Sat. May 6	8:30 am – 2 pm
	Mon. May 8	7:30 am – 3 pm
	Tue. May 9	7:30 am – 3 pm
	Wed. May 10	7:30 am – 5:30 pm
	Thu. May 11	7:30 am – 3 pm
Call City Hall if you have any questions.	Fri. May 12	7:30 am – 3 pm
	Sat. May 13	8:30 am – 2 pm

Senior/Disabled Citizen Partial Tax Relief applications are available in City Hall and due by May 31, 2017. Senior Citizens no longer have to apply every year to be receive the discount. Call City Hall with any questions.

Congratulations to HPD's 2016 Officer of the Year **Ptln. Carl Klotz!**



National Library Week
April 9-15

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, 10 am
St. Bernadette's Church
Dixon & Liberty Streets
For kids 1-10 years old



Community Garden

All the vegetables are free at the Harrington community garden. Volunteers are needed. Call HPR if you can help.



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 during Spring Clean Up Week (see above) or on Wednesdays, 9 am - 3 pm (9 am – 5:30 pm starting May 10). Do not blow grass clippings into the street! Debris on the streets washes into the storm drains & clogs them leading to poor drainage & flooding.





Library Events

Visit our website and Facebook page or call for info

Regular Events:

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

Special Programs and Events:

- Card Games for Teens – Tuesday, April 6, 6 pm – For kids 10 and up; refreshments will be served
- Friends of the Harrington Public Library Meeting – Tuesday, April 11, 6 pm – Volunteers to promote and enhance library programs, services, and facilities, new members welcome
- Easter Bunny Visit and Family Fun Night/ Reading to the Dogs – Thursday, April 13, 6 pm – Free children's craft and improve children's reading skills by reading to dogs 
- Book club – Thursday, April 20, May 18, & June 15, 6 pm – Also a recent reads
- Eyeball It! Real Art for Busy Kids and Busy Families – Fridays, April 21 to June 23, 4 pm – Series of classes leading to Art Exhibit at Heritage Day (August 26), for kids 7-12 years old, all materials provided, must register
- Teen Book Club – Thursday, April 27, 6 pm – Ft. 
 - "Looking for Alaska" by John Green
 - Star Wars Day – Thursday, May 4, 6 pm – Watch *Return of the Jedi*, Star Wars themed craft and snacks
- Dollhouses and Miniatures: Documentation of the Past – Tuesday, May 9, 6 pm – Slide lecture about social history and customs and a display
- Family Fun Night/Reading to the Dogs – Thursdays, May 11 & June 8, 6 pm – Free children's craft and improve children's reading skills by reading to volunteer dogs
- Teen Book Club – Thursday, May 25, 6 pm – Featuring "Fish Girl" by D. Wiesner and D.J. Napoli
- Gun Safety Program – Thursday, June 1, 6 pm – Movie and presentation from Harrington Police Department, includes activity book and sticker
- Cascading Carlos Show and Workshop – Tuesday, June 13, 6 pm – Juggling, illusions, learn to juggle
- Virtual Reality Demonstration – Monday, June 19, 1-4 pm – Experience the device for free
- Comic Book Workshop with PLB Comics – Tuesday, June 20, 6 pm – For kids 10 and up, learn to draw comics, sign up in advance
- Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation Presents Think It – Build It – Test it! – Wednesday, June 21, 10:45 am – Learn about engineering and design, test skills with problem-solving project
- Magician Mike Rose "Magician at Work!" – Thursday, June 22, 6 pm – Construction and architecture themed magic with audience help
- Teen Book Club – Thursday, June 27, 6 pm – Featuring "The Lie Tree" by Frances Hardinge

Summer Reading Challenge June 1 – August 12



We have a club for all ages and everyone who completes the club will get Shorebird Tickets and a free book!

Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com – Like us on Facebook

- **Pop Warner Football and Cheer Signups** Saturday, April 8, 9 am-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 19 at Johnathan's Landing; accepting registrations for foursomes at a cost of \$300; limited to 25 teams; deadline to enter is May 12; fee includes golf, cart, open range, & luncheon; awards, & prizes after play
- **Heritage Day** Saturday, August 26; now accepting vendor registrations (forms & info on website); space is limited, early registration suggested



What happened to the big recycling cans at WT Chipman?

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) provided the drop-off recycling centers at various sites throughout the state. Between decreased demand (because of curbside recycling), illegal dumping at the sites, and recyclables being contaminated with household trash, the DSWA reduced the drop-off recycling centers to only DSWA facilities. Visit www.dswa.com for more information on this and other programs such as hazardous waste collection.

As part of the City's trash collection service, residents are provided a can for recyclables that is collected every other week.

City Code Issues

House numbers visible from the street to help emergency services find you.

Trash cans promptly returned to a spot not visible from the street; trash cans blowing into the road is a hazard.

Downtown Development District

The City of Harrington was designated by the State as a Downtown Development District (DDD) on August 10, 2016. This means that investors in the DDD can qualify for rebate grants for construction costs and other incentives. The City adopted both DDD specific and citywide incentives to encourage growth. More information is available on the City's website.



Utility Bills Due May 10

City of Harrington Closings



April 14 Good Friday
May 29 Memorial Day


City Council Meetings & Workshops


April 3	6:30 pm	Workshop
April 17	7:00 pm	Meeting
May 1	6:30 pm	Workshop
May 15	7:00 pm	Meeting
June 5	6:30 pm	Organizational Meeting
June 19	7:00 pm	Meeting

Who's Who in the City?

Anthony R. Moyer, Mayor 

City Council:

Duane E. Bivans (Vice Mayor), District 6
 Robert Dean Helsel, District 1
 Amy L. Minner, District 2 
 Micah Parker, District 3
 Eric Marquis, District 4
 Charles W. Baugher, Jr., District 5

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