

Message from the Mayor

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As 2013 ends and we welcome in the New Year, I would like to reflect on many items that have happened in the City. The first being, I was sworn in as your new Mayor. I would like to personally thank our former Mayor, Gene Price, for all the years of dedication he has put into this great city. The transition into the Mayor position was not as smooth as I anticipated; although changes are not always embraced, sometimes different thinking will allow more opportunities.

A milestone that I am proud to say happened this year, was the coming together of Lake Forest School District and the City of Harrington Police Department to establish a full time SRO (School Resource Officer) in W.T. Chipman and will also be working with South Elementary School. This gives our children a chance to see a Police Officer in a positive way.

Another big change that has happened in the City is Freedom Park. Without the Harrington Police Department, this vision would not have become a reality. The Chief Norman Barlow Pavilion, the benches, and upcoming landscaping will make this a great gathering place to bring our city together.

As you can see throughout the City, streets are being paved, ADA ramps are being put into place, and much needed crosswalks. The Public Works Department utilizes a priority list for selecting streets to be paved. This list allows the City to progress in repairing the streets in the worst condition as funding becomes available.

The residential water meters are in place and the Public Works Department is notifying those over normal water usage to help pinpoint what may be causing this.

The library has become a much more popular place over the last year. The job center held every Friday from 1 pm to 4 pm is in overwhelming demand. The staff helps individuals with resumes and the search for jobs.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer