

Message from the Mayor

January 2017 City Chatter Newsletter

On Saturday, December 12, the Harrington Christmas Club held their annual Christmas party, a sold out event. The purpose of this party is to thank the employees of the City for all they do for us. The Police Department, under the guidance of Chief Norman Barlow, for protecting us and our properties, always being there when needed, and for all they do for the local communities. Public Works, Alan Moore and his crew, for keeping our water safe and flowing as well as maintaining every other aspect of our City. Both of these departments are there for us 24/7 and put in countless hours in the worst of weather to keep our lives comfortable. Harrington Parks and Rec and the Harrington Library for the countless hours and devotion to the children and citizens of not only the residents but the thousands in the surrounding area. Their work is a love of servitude and is usually overlooked due to the quiet nature in which they perform their magic. City Hall, led by Terry Tieman, over the past three years has put into play many ordinances and policy changes that have put this City on firm ground to a bright future. City Council which in the past year has seen three new Councilmen come on board while saying farewell to three others. To all the committee members that give solely out of generosity of the heart, these are all volunteers that spend many hours of their time. Without their dedication and selflessness, it would be near impossible to run this City.

The second reason for this event, is to give back to the local community by raising enough money to hold the party without tax payer dollars and donate the extra funds. This year we have raised over \$4,000 to give to the Harrington Food Pantry in partnership with local churches in the Lake Forrest School District.

The Harrington Christmas Club consists of Vice Mayor Bivans, Council Member Minner, Council Member Marquis, Kim Marquis, Planning Commissioner Coudriet, Tracy Coudriet, Barbara Bullock, and Marie Cunningham. This group works many hours to pull this event together. They look for no recognition but deserve a great deal of it, and I am proud to call each of these people my friend. This event would not be possible without local business support of whom I have called on year after year. My thanks to Nationwide, Salty Wave, Hometown Drugs, Agro-Lab, Burriss Food, Mobile Air, Chicks, Cook's Tire, and many more of the local businesses. Without Bill DiMondi and Patti Key and her crew this party may not have happened. With all my heart, I thank everyone for all they have done.

I would also like to thank the people of the City of Harrington for allowing me the privilege of serving you. I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- Mayor Anthony R. Moyer