



Harrington Happenings

Fall 2020

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>

Fall Clean Up

October 15-17
10 am – 7 pm



Safety Precautions:

- Must wear a mask while in the Public Works yard
- 1 vehicle in the yard at a time
- Employees will be unable to assist in unloading vehicles

Residents of Harrington can take bulk trash items to the Public Works Yard (102 Franklin Street) for disposal during Fall 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 and tagged as such.

Take this opportunity to clean out your garage, shed, or attic or get rid of that old mattress!

Flooding

Thank you to the Harrington Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works Department, City Council Members, and citizens for their response to the recent flooding event in Harrington. Citizens helped each other and even took turns to make sure storm drains were kept clear of debris so they would function as intended. Our City pulled together very well to cope with the wrath of such a significant weather event. Council Members were out providing status reports and surveying the efficiency of our storm water drainage infrastructure. We were able to determine that our storm water drainage infrastructure was working as intended. The problem was that we received between 6" and 7" of rain in such a short period of time. Tax ditches (designed to drain storm water off the land and out of town) west of Harrington were at or above their capacity. Storm water drainage in Harrington has nowhere to go if these tax ditches outside of the City are not able to handle our storm water. We were helpless as the flood waters continued to rise but we were still out and about to help where and when we could. Most impressive were the citizens that offered help to each other and took it upon themselves to patrol the storm drains in their neighborhood. The community support and involvement were impressive, and we thank you for being so supportive in such trying times.

Holidays in Harrington Display Contest

City Hall is looking for pictures of the exterior holiday displays on your home. We will be posting them on Facebook, and the picture(s) receiving the most "Likes" on the City of Harrington Facebook page will receive a prize.



Please email a photo of your holiday display (must be current) along with your name, address, and phone number to kblanchies@cityofharrington.com by 11:59 pm on December 15. Photos will be posted on Facebook by 3 pm on December 16, and voting will be open until December 22. The contest is open only to homes within the Harrington city limits.

Cardboard Recycling

COVID-19 retail store shopping restrictions have changed the way most people shop for food and other necessities. Most of the supplies are shipped in cardboard boxes and many homes have experienced more cardboard recycling than their current recycling bin can handle. Here are two suggestions to help resolve the issue. Make sure the cardboard boxes are broken down and flattened and try to put as much cardboard as possible inside the recycling bin. Flattened cardboard that will not fit into the bin can be bundled with tape or string and placed on top of the bin. The garbage collection industry is changing, employees riding on the back of trucks and grabbing trash cans is an outdated practice. The new method is for the driver to use mechanical arms on the truck to grab the trash can and dump it into the truck. Having excess flattened bundled cardboard on top of the recycling bin will permit the excess cardboard to be dumped into the recycling truck with the contents of the recycling bin. Another option is to call City Hall, 302-398-3530, and request an additional recycling bin which would cost the homeowner approximately \$9 per quarter. That amount could change, with notice, based off our contract with our trash collection vendor. Shop on and use one of the methods described to cope with all that excess cardboard.

Holiday Events During COVID-19

Harrington's usual annual events will continue to be adjusted for health & safety concerns during the pandemic.

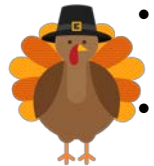
- Trick-or-Treating – to be determined
- Christmas Tree Lighting – cancelled
- Christmas Parade – to be determined

Please continue to check our website or Facebook page for updates on upcoming holiday events.

Library Events

Visit our website and Facebook page or call for info

- **Harrington Kindness Project: October Challenge – Thank an Essential Worker** – Each month the Harrington Public Library challenges the community to show kindness; for October, thank an essential worker; write cards, draw pictures, or say thanks next time you are in a business that is keeping our community going during the pandemic; share a picture or story on the library's Facebook or Twitter
- **Apple S.T.E.M. Activity** – Thursday, October 1, 2 pm – Virtual project on Facebook Live
- **Craft Kit Pickup** – Mondays – Pick up your free crafts kits for kids to do at home; new crafts weekly; call to reserve a kit and curbside pickup time
- **Virtual Storytime** – Wednesdays, 10 am – Ms. Marleena will read a story and feature a craft on Facebook Live
 - **Pumpkin S.T.E.M. Activity** – Thursday, October 15, 2 pm – Virtual project on Facebook Live
 - **Halloween S.T.E.M. Activity** – Thursday, October 22, 2 pm – Virtual project on Facebook Live
- **Virtual Costume Contest** – Monday, October 26 – Share a picture of yourself in costume on the library's Facebook page or email it to harrington.library@lib.de.us; followers will vote and winners receive \$10 gift card to McDonald's
- **Halloween Candy Pack Giveaway** – October 26-30 – Call to reserve a goody bag for kids 12 and under
- **Harrington Kindness Project: November Challenge – Canned Food and Hopeful Notes** – Each month the Harrington Public Library challenges the community to show kindness; for November, post a positive message on social media or share with your family; donate to the Food Bank by dropping off canned good to the library or Food Bank; share a picture or story on the library's Facebook or Twitter
 - **Confetti Turkey Craft Project** – Thursday, November 19, 2 pm – Virtual project on Facebook Live
 - **Thanksgiving Family Craft** – Tuesday, November 24, 2 pm – Virtual craft project on Facebook Live
- **Harrington Kindness Project: December Challenge – Active Sidewalk and Give a Gift** – Each month the Harrington Public Library challenges the community to show kindness; for December, sketch out an outside activity for your family before ti gets too cold; donate a new and unwrapped toy at the library or local toy drive box; share a picture or story on the library's Facebook or Twitter
- **Santa Pack Pick-ups** – December 14-23 – Call to reserve a pack with a letter from Santa and Christmas goodies for kids 12 and under



Parks & Recreation Events

More info at hprnews.com

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- **Little Spartans Basketball** Plans are in the works with the Governor's office; registration is open; kids 5-12; sessions on Saturdays December-February; \$60
- **Mat Ratz Wrestling** Registration is open; kids 5-12; beginner and advanced classes; \$60
- **Adult Fitness** Monday-Friday during normal business hours; annually \$50/person or \$75/couple



Common Code Violations

Please keep in mind the following code requirements:

- Trash cans must be returned to the house following pickup (305-8)
- Grass clippings must be immediately removed from streets and sidewalks after mowing (365-30)
- Parking is only permitted in street or driveway; parking in sides or rear yards is not permitted (440-216 B 2)
- Grass/weeds must not exceed 6" in height (305-4)

Violations are subject to fines. Thank you for your continued cooperation!

Due to the personnel costs involved, the City will no longer be offering a credit towards sewer bills when pools are filled.

City of Harrington Closings

November 3 Election Day
November 11 Veteran's Day
November 26 & 27 Thanksgiving
December 24 & 25 Christmas

Greater Harrington Historical Society

Fall is here and winter won't be far behind! We have begun our Wreaths Across America Fundraising Program. This year we are organizing seven cemeteries, Hollywood, Williamsville, Griffiths Chapel, Hopkins Cemetery, Mt Olive, Cow Marsh Baptist and Barratts Chapel. Wreath Day for laying of the wreaths is Dec 19, 2020 beginning a 12 pm. Wreaths are \$15.00 each to sponsor and we need volunteers to place the wreaths as well. For more details or to sponsor/volunteer, visit our website at www.ghsociety.org or follow us on Facebook.

Utility Bills Due Nov. 10

City Council Meetings & Workshops

October 5	6:30 pm	Workshop
October 19	7:00 pm	Meeting
November 2	6:30 pm	Workshop
November 16	7:00 pm	Meeting
December 7	6:30 pm	Workshop
December 21	7:00 pm	Meeting

Who's Who in the City?

Duane E. Bivans, Mayor

City Council:

Micah Parker (Vice Mayor), District 3
H. Joseph Gannon, Jr., District 1
Amy L. Minner, District 2
Darrin Simpson, District 4
Ervin E. White, District 5
VACANT, District 6

Daniel Tartt, City Manager
Norman Barlow, Chief of Police
Alan Moore, Public Works Supervisor
Christine Hayward, Library Director
Bill Falasco, Parks & Rec Director