Message from the Mayor

It is my hope that everyone had a wonderful holiday season and is doing well.

Not only have we as a nation had to endure a great number of challenges since the early months of 2020, but we as a City have also felt the pains of the pandemic; nonetheless, we are fully committed to being a City that will work together and weather the storms that may come our way.

It is written: “weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning” – and it’s that spirit of joy we look forward to as we are on the horizon of a brand new year in 2021!

I look forward to growing with our City together as one people with one purpose. Much thanks to our entire staff and their teams for their commitment to service above oneself as we continue to move forward.

Thank you,
Mayor Bivans

Message from the Harrington Police Department

The Harrington Police Department would like to wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year.
Please be aware of the numerous scams going on. Please do not give out any of your personal information. If you are not sure of someone asking for information or money from you, please call your local police department.

Be safe during this pandemic.
Your safety is our highest priority.

Snow Reminders

Winter is coming. Keep in mind the following snow related issues:

Snow & ice must be removed from sidewalks along your property within 24 hours of snowfall ending. Please do not throw snow onto streets.

If possible, do not park cars on the street during snowfall to allow the plows to clear the streets.

Cold Weather Water 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.

Quarterly Tax Bills

Any property that has a permit pulled with the City of Harrington may be subject to a quarterly tax bill. Quarterly tax bills are billed in October, January, and April.

Please call (302) 398-4428 to see if you need a building permit.

Senior/Disabled Citizen Partial Tax Relief

applications are available in City Hall and due by May 31, 2021. Senior Citizens no longer have to apply every year to receive the discount. Call City Hall with any questions.

Live Christmas and Yard Waste Disposal

Drop your live Christmas tree off at the Public Works Yard at 102 Franklin Street on Wednesdays between 9 am & 3 pm until December 30, 2020. Please remove all decorations from your tree.

December 30, 2020, will be the last yard waste drop off at Public Works until Spring of 2021.

Any yard waste can be taken to the Sandtown Landfill or Milford Transfer Station at a cost.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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 information.

Due to the COVID Pandemic, in-person inspections will not begin until March 2021. You will be notified with the date/time of the inspection.

Need Assistance

Food Pantry:
(302) 222-8404
Senior Center:
(302) 398-4224

Only City of Harrington employees are allowed to access water meter pits. Call City Hall for water turn on/off.
**Library Events**

**Harrington Kindness Project:** January Challenge—Take back your education and learn something new Friday, January 1st—Sunday, January 31st. Each month the Harrington Public Library would like to challenge the community to show kindness to either themselves or someone else with the Harrington Kindness Project! For January, we want you to be kind to yourself and take back your education. Look up something you have always wanted to know, and share it with someone, and you can come to the newly, renovated library to learn something new or find something on your own. Make sure to share a picture or a story on Facebook [https://www.facebook.com/HarringtonPublicLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/HarringtonPublicLibrary) or twitter at [https://twitter.com/HarringtonLibr1](https://twitter.com/HarringtonLibr1). Local student Isabella Ruiz helped with the planning and development of this program.

**Craft Kit Pickup** — January 4, 11, 19, & 25. February 1, 8, 16, & 22. Pick up your free crafts kits for the kids to do at home! We will have new crafts weekly. Crafts can be picked up at any time by curbside, so just call us at (302) 398-4647 and pick up some crafts for the kids. Supplies are limited, call today and reserve your projects!

**Virtual Storytime** — January 6, 13, 20 & 27. February 3, 10, 17 & 24 at 10am. Join us for a virtual story time on Facebook Live every Wednesday morning! Ms. Michele will read a story and then we will feature a craft that you can make at home!

**In-Person Book Discussion** — January 21 and February 8 at 2pm.

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**Harrington Historical Society**

The Greater Harrington Historical Society wants to thank everyone that made donations, helped in cleaning the cemeteries and came out to the Wreaths Across American event on December 19, 2020. We will be busy in early 2021 working on new displays and inventory of the collection. Our newest book on railroads will be available on January 20, 2021, so stop and buy a book to support the museum.

Hope to see you soon!

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**City Hall provides free notary service to our residents.**

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**Library Events**

**Parks & Recreation Events**

More info at hprnews.com

We hope you had a joyous holiday and Happy New Year.

**Upcoming events for HPR:**

- Soccer Registration for Spring 2021 begin in January 2021
- Heritage Day 2021 planning and Vendor Registration begins in January with event scheduled for August 28, 2021.
- Annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday April 3, 2021, 10am, at the fields by St. Bernadettes.
- Other programs to be on the lookout for are: Cheernastics and Gymnastics.

*Subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions*

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**City Council Meetings**

January 4 6:30 pm Meeting
January 19 7:00 pm Meeting
February 1 6:30 pm Meeting
February 16 7:00 pm Meeting
March 1 6:30 pm Meeting
March 15 7:00 pm Meeting

**Who’s Who in the City?**

Duane E. Bivans, Mayor

**City Council:**

Micah Parker (Vice Mayor), District 3
Joe Gannon, District 1
Amy Minner, District 2
Darrin Simpson, District 4
Ervin E. White, District 5
Michael Kimmey, District 6
Daniel Tartt, City Manager
Norman Barlow, Chief of Police
Alan Moore, Public Works Supervisor
Marleena Scott, Library Director
Bill Falasco, Parks & Rec Director

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**City of Harrington Closings**

January 1 New Year’s Day
January 18 Martin Luther King Day
February 15 Presidents’ Day

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**Utility Bills Due:** February 10

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**Harrington Fire Department**

* Need a smoke detector? Contact the Station located at 20 Clark Street or call (302) 398-8931
* COVID testing has been sanctioned by DEMA at our Station and is held periodically each month. Visit coronavirus.delaware.gov for more details.
* Cold weather is upon us. Please use caution if utilizing alternative heat sources to heat your home.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT**