

# City of Seaford News



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## City Election Day - April 15 - Be Sure To Vote!

Three City residents have filed for the two (2) available positions on Seaford's City Council. The candidates for the three-year council term are:

- **Frank Daniel Cannon, Jr.**  
(302) 228-3446
- **Dan H Henderson\***  
(302) 604-1078
- **H. William Mulvaney, III\***  
(302) 629-6934

The City of Seaford Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2017 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 414 High Street, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. E.S.T. and 3:00 p.m. E.S.T.

If you have any questions or would like more information about or from the candidates, contact them at the numbers given above.

A non-resident property owner to be eligible to vote must be the owner of record for a period of six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the Annual Municipal Election (October 15, 2016) and shall have one vote provided he or she is registered on the "Books of Registered Voters" maintained at the City Hall.

The City of Seaford has independent registration procedures for the Annual Municipal Election. (Registering for a state or federal election does not automatically register you to vote in the City of Seaford elections.) To vote, you must meet the eligibility requirements and be registered on the "Books of Registered Voters" maintained at City Hall.

All voters will need to show proof of residency which may be a State of Delaware driver's license, a federal or state tax return with Seaford address, a City of Seaford utility bill or real estate property tax bill, or a City of Seaford acceptable proof of residency or ownership.

If you will be out of town or unable to come to City Hall to vote on April 15, please contact City Hall at 302-629-9173 for information about absentee voting. The ballot must be returned to City Hall by April 13, 2017 (City offices will be closed on Friday, April 14, 2017 for the holiday).

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## *A message from the desk of Mayor Genshaw*

We have finished a very busy first quarter with a lot of projects in the works. It is exciting to visit with entrepreneurs who see growth opportunities in Seaford. The Downtown Development District designation has kicked off a new season of development in our City, and it continues to move forward.

I want to thank everyone who came out to visit with the officers and 911 Team of our Seaford Police Department. They truly enjoyed visiting with everyone and giving tours of the their building. We are very proud of our Seaford PD and the good work they do.

Please take time Saturday April 15 to come out and vote. If you have a question about being registered to vote in the City elections, please stop by or call City Hall at 629-9173.

*Daryl Genshaw*

### Seaford Parks & Recreation Annual Easter Egg Hunt

April 8 at 10 a.m.

(rain date April 9 at 2:00 p.m.)

at Governor Ross Mansion  
North Pine St., Ext.

Ages toddler to 9 years old

Be sure to bring a basket to collect the eggs  
and register to win a special prize; see you there!



Join us on **May 6 from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.**  
for our first event! We will have live  
entertainment by “Charlie & the Cool  
Tones,” along with food trucks, local  
vendors, and family fun for the kids!  
Look for the action on the corner of High  
and Spring Streets. Hope to see you there!

# “Light It Up Blue” For Autism Awareness; City to Host Walk and Lighting Ceremony

**JustUS & Friends Band** - Monday, April 3

5:45 p.m. at Gateway Park, Seaford

**“Light It Up Blue”** Ceremony - Monday, April 3

6:30 p.m. at Gateway Park, Seaford

The month of April is Autism Awareness month. Join us on April 3rd in Gateway Park as we “Light It Up Blue!” JustUS & Friends, a local band with the primary goal of promoting Autism Awareness, and other disabilities, will play at 5:45 p.m. The official ceremony and lighting event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

We support Autism Speaks with “Light It Up Blue,” a campaign designed to color the world blue in an effort to increase awareness of the challenges faced by people with autism. Awareness is the key to funding research for a cure and helping develop treatments that provide opportunities for people with Autism to thrive in this world. Even more importantly, awareness leads to the acceptance of people with Autism and their differences. Given that one in 68 children is now being diagnosed with Autism, just imagine how many



community members have children, family members, or close friends who are affected!

Our Delaware “Light It Up Blue” committee is successful in lighting up schools, University of Delaware, Legislative Hall, Nanticoke Memorial Hospital, City of Seaford, Seaford School District, Gallery 107, St. John’s Church, Soroptimist Club’s Your Sister’s Closet, Nanticoke Automotive, Penco’s Elegant Designs, Hertrich Family of Dealerships, Sweet Serenity, and other local businesses.

**We hope more local businesses will support our awareness efforts and join us in lighting their facilities and windows blue during the month of April.**

Thanks for helping us shine a light on Autism. For more information, visit [autismspeaks.org/LIUB](http://autismspeaks.org/LIUB), Autism Delaware or contact Carlyle and Marcia Windley, [cw20@comcast.net](mailto:cw20@comcast.net) or [mlwindley@comcast.net](mailto:mlwindley@comcast.net)

## Seaford Community Swim Center

### Normal Summer Hours

Monday - Friday

11 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday

10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The pool will open on Saturday, May 27.

Membership and swim team forms are available on the City of Seaford SCSC Web site:

[www.seafordde.com/scsc/](http://www.seafordde.com/scsc/)

Remember: Swim lessons will be given throughout the swim season at the Seaford Community Swim Center; lessons are open to EVERYONE regardless of membership.



Seaford

Recreation Dept.

Upcoming

Programs

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Flag Football sign-up will begin in May with the season starting in early September. The cost is \$40.00 per child.

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Youth tennis clinic/camp will start in June for ages 8-12.

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Contact the Recreation Office at 302-629-6809, and check us out on Facebook for more information.

# National Telecommunications Week

National Telecommunications Week will be held from April 9-15. Our nation honors those who answer 911 calls, dispatch first responders, and handle other emergency communications tasks. The week offers dispatchers the opportunity to take credit for the critical work they perform and for communities to recognize the specialized skills that dispatchers provide. Seaford's 911 Communications Center handles thousands of calls each year.



**Thank you to our dispatchers for their service and the job they do for our community!**

## Senior Citizen Tax Exemption

Are you a senior citizen, 65 years or older before July 1, 2017 who owns property in our City? Have you owned the property for at least 10 years? Is this your place of residence? Is your income, other than Social Security, less than \$13,000 as a married couple or less than \$9,000 as a single person? Then you may be eligible for a senior citizen exemption on your property taxes.

Those who qualify are required to re-apply each year. The 10-year residency requirement is waived for those who qualified for the exemption prior to 2008.

Applications will be sent out in April to the seniors who are currently noted in our records as exempt and will be available at [www.seafordde.com](http://www.seafordde.com) and at City Hall after April 4.

## FY 2018 Budget

The City of Seaford staff has begun working on the FY 2018 budget. Mayor and City Council workshops have been scheduled for the following dates and times: May 2, 2017 and May 16, 2017 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. If additional meetings are deemed necessary, May 30, 2017 will be used.

All meetings are subject to change depending on the time needed for the budget preparation.

## City of Seaford Celebrates Earth Day with Tree Raffle

The City of Seaford proudly announces the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Earth Day Tree Raffle.

Earth Day was founded in 1970 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Demonstrate your support by entering to win a free, energy saving, shade tree for your home or business. Shade trees naturally provide a welcoming spot to cool down during hot summer days. When shade trees are properly located and planted they can reduce home and business energy costs by reducing the need for summer air conditioning. The savings associated with trees doesn't stop with summer. In the winter, trees lose their leaves which allows the sun to warm up homes and business, reducing heating needs and lowering heating costs.

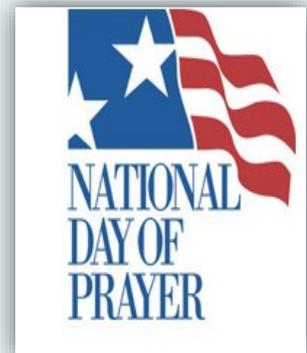
Stop by City Hall to enter your name in the drawing for a chance to win!



## National Day Of Prayer

Join us on  
Thursday, May 4  
from 12:20 to  
12:40 p.m. to  
celebrate  
“National Day of  
Prayer.”

The program will take place on the steps of City Hall, 414 High Street. Join us to pray for our City, State and Country.



## SUSSEX COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IS HOLDING AN EVENT IN YOUR CITY!

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS WILL BE PARTNERING WITH  
HOMEOWNERS TO PROVIDE FREE SERVICES LIKE  
**LANDSCAPING, TRASH REMOVAL, POWER WASHING,** AND MORE.

ALL OF THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED-UP BY A  
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION ON THAT SATURDAY, APRIL 8.

INTERESTED IN BEING INVOLVED OR WANT TO KNOW MORE?  
CONTACT AUDREY AT 302.855.1153 X 207 OR  
[AUDREY@SUSSEXCOUNTYHABITAT.ORG](mailto:AUDREY@SUSSEXCOUNTYHABITAT.ORG).

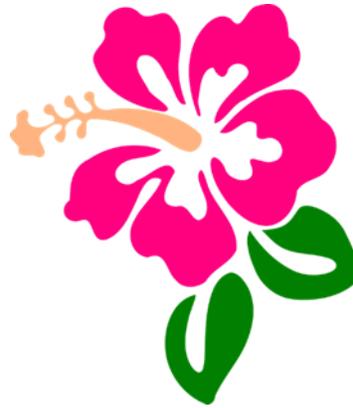


**Seaford - April 8, 2017**





Grass not as  
green as you  
like?



Petunias a  
little  
puny?

Tomatoes  
a little  
tired?



**Compost can help with that!**

**Just \$10 a cubic yard**

**Pick-up on Wednesdays & Fridays**

**403 Nanticoke Ave.**

**(Across from City boat ramp)**

**Phone: 302-629-8340**

**Winter Hours: 8 a.m.-Noon & 1 p.m.-4:45  
p.m.**

**Summer Hours are Memorial Day to Labor  
Day: 7 a.m.-Noon & 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m.**

# Prepare For Clean Up Week

## May 8-12

Annually, the City of Seaford schedules a clean-up week in order to improve the appearance of the City. During this week, Public Works employees will haul away unwanted materials at no charge for **CITY RESIDENTS ONLY!!**

A City Resident is defined as anyone who receives utility services from the City of Seaford.  
(i.e., Electric, Water or Sewer)

**HEAVY MATERIALS:** Stoves, furniture, cement pipe, etc. will be collected separately as special equipment may be needed.

**WEIGHT LIMITS:** When filled, bags and containers shall not weigh more than 50 lbs.

**CONTAINERS:** Please use disposable containers as they will not be returned.

**PLACEMENT:** All materials to be picked up must be placed on the curb line no later than 8:30 a.m. on the day scheduled for your area's pick up. Our employees are not permitted to go on private property. Once a street has been cleared, the trucks **MAY NOT RETURN.**

**PRIVATE CONTRACT WORK:** Debris from any work done by a private contractor (cutting trees, construction, etc.) is the responsibility of the contractor. Do not place on curb line for the City to remove.

- Please do not place leaves, limbs, twigs or grass clippings on the curb line during clean-up week. Normal pickup of these items will resume the week after Clean-Up Week.
- We cannot pick up household garbage, paints or hazardous chemicals will be picked up. Call Delaware Solid Waste Authority for proper disposal of household hazardous waste: 800-904-7080
- We cannot pick up freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners or other appliances which contain, or may have contained, freon will be picked up.

### What NOT To Do:



### Pick-Up Schedule

<b>Monday, May 8:</b>	East of Front Street, Mearfield
<b>Tuesday, May 9:</b>	Front St., to the RR track, Including Virginia Commons, Wilmar Village & Hurley Heights
<b>Wednesday, May 10:</b>	RR tracks to Nylon Blvd.
<b>Thursday, May 11:</b>	Martin Farms, Westview and Parsons' Village
<b>Friday, May 12:</b>	Woodside Manor, Belle Ayre, Governor's Grant

Call Delaware Solid Waste Authority for proper disposal of household hazardous waste at 800-404-7080.

### What To Do:



**Please Remember: Clean-Up Week is Only for Residents within the Corporate Limits of Seaford!**

# “Know The Code”

- No more than three (3) unrelated people may be living in a dwelling unit.
- If your neighbor’s tree branches, shrubbery or vines are growing onto your property, you may trim them back to the property line.
- The City has a sidewalk loan program for property owners to repair or replace sidewalk or curbing.
- Vehicles weighing over 6,000 pounds cannot be parked on City streets.
- Smoke detectors are required in every bedroom and in the kitchen. If you have a basement, it would also be a good idea to install one in the basement.
- Utility trailers, boats, RVs, and similar type vehicles may not be parked on City streets overnight.
- Construction of sheds, fencing, new sidewalk or new paving installation, sidewalk &/or curbing repairs at the street line and roofing work involving replacement of wood underlayment all require a permit.
- Please don’t use furniture meant for interior use, upholstered couches and chairs, etc., on your porch or in the yard.



## **All Vehicles must be tagged**

- You must have a current registration and license plate properly installed on any vehicle parked on your property, and the vehicle must be road worthy.
- Untagged, inoperable &/or junk vehicles are prohibited and these include vehicles that are rusted, wrecked, dismantled or partly dismantled, inoperable or abandoned.

## **Swimming Pools**

Did you know?

- Before you set up any type of swimming pool, including an inflatable pool, that holds more than 300 gallons of water, you need a permit from the City.
- Your yard must be fenced in or the pool must have swing-up steps with a lockable gate.
- The gate must be kept locked when no one is using the pool.
- These precautions protect you and the public.

## **Don't let WEEDS & VEGETATION grow too tall**

- The Weeds and Vegetation Ordinance requires grass & weeds be no taller than 10 inches.
- You will be asked to cut the vegetation if you allow it to grow taller than 10 inches.
- Grass clippings should not be blown into the street. They block storm drains and cause deterioration of the pavement. Please bag them and place them along the curb line for the City to pick up.

# “Know The Code” (cont.)

## Don't let TRASH become a problem

- The accumulation of trash is a health and safety hazard to you, your neighbors and the general public.
- As a resident of our community, you're asked to responsibly handle your trash.
- Trash bags should be stored inside durable metal or plastic containers with tight-fitting lids.
- The containers should be emptied on a regular basis; weekly is preferred.
- Several trash collection companies operate within our community and will provide a large container for your use, in addition to picking up the trash on a weekly basis.

## Dog Ordinance

The City has a “Dog Ordinance” which promotes the health, safety and general welfare of the citizens of our community and also promotes the responsible and humane handling of a dog by its owner. Some highlights of the Ordinance are listed below:

- All dogs over the age of six months must have a license issued by the State of Delaware; a rabies vaccination is also required.
- No more than three (3) dogs over the age of six (6) months are permitted in a dwelling unit.
- Dogs are not permitted to run at large.
- Dogs must be on leashes, securely confined indoors, or confined in a kennel, pen or fenced area which is designed to prevent the dog from escaping.
- Dogs cannot be tethered to any object.
- The dog kennel, pen, yard or enclosure must be cleaned daily to assure the dog's good health and welfare.
- The City will investigate complaints of dangerous dogs. Procedures are outlined in the ordinance on how the complaint will be addressed and how a dangerous dog is to be kept.



**PLEASE REMEMBER to clean up your dog's waste whenever you walk your dog.**

## Solar Array Project Completed

The City of Seaford has completed a solar array located at 8000 Herring Run Road that was designed to offset electrical cost for the City of Seaford Waste Water Treatment Facility (WWTF). The total cost of the project was \$1,600,404.29. The project was funded through the Delaware Clean Water State Revolving loan Funds at 2% interest with a \$500,000.00 forgiveness upon completion of the project.

The solar array is comprised of 1,998 Solar World panels, 20 Solar Edge 3 phase invertors, 1,069 optimizers and is rated at 689,310 watts DC. This should generate enough electricity to supply about 57% of the electric used at the WWTF.

The solar array will provide several benefits to the City of Seaford. It will stabilize a portion of the electrical cost for the WWTF for 20 years. It will reduce the carbon footprint for the City of Seaford and help the City meet the State mandated green energy requirements.

If you are interested in seeing the output of the solar array, we will be placing a link on our website in the near future for the public to view the daily performance of this project.

[www.seafordde.com](http://www.seafordde.com)



# 2017 Golf Pass

## Monthly or Full Year

April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018



SEAFORD, DE

302 629-2890 [www.Hooperslanding.com](http://www.Hooperslanding.com)

- ◇ Unlimited Greens Fees - walk anytime or Cart Fees at \$15 per person (18 holes) or buy in Bulk
  - ◇ Discount Range Balls or Range programs available
  - ◇ 20% Off Clothing at retail price and Golf Pass Only tournaments

## Single Golf Pass

- ◇ \$125 a Month for April thru October
- ◇ \$75 a Month for November thru March
- ◇ Pay only 1 month with no commitment
- ◇ Pay 7 Monthly Payments & get the rest free\*
- ◇ Or Pay for full year by April 10th at \$825.

## Family Golf Pass

- ◇ \$200 a Month for April thru October
- ◇ \$125 a Month for November thru March
- ◇ Pay only 1 month with no commitment
- ◇ Pay 7 Monthly Payments & get the rest free\*
- ◇ Or Pay for full year by April 10th at \$1350.

\* Starting April 2017, Pay 7 monthly payments during the Golf Pass year and receive the rest of the months Free until March 31, 2018