

City of Seaford News



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It's Time to Vote!

Four City residents have filed for the two available council positions and one resident filed for the Mayor's seat. Running for the three-year council terms are:

- Dan H. Henderson (302) 236-4050
- Patricia A. Jones (302) 628-1908
- Douglass A. Lambert (302) 841-3511
- Howard William Mulvaney III (302) 629-6934

Acting-Mayor David Genshaw is the only resident who filed for the Mayor's position, his name will not be on the ballot. Current council members are Pat Jones and J. Rhea Shannon.

The City of Seaford Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2014 in the City Council Chambers, City Hall, 414 High Street, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. E.D.S.T. and 6:00 p.m. E.D.S.T.

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

A nonresident 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 19, 2013) 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. 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 19, please contact Tracy Torbert, executive secretary at 302-629-9173 for information on absentee voting. The ballot must be returned to City Hall by April 17, 2014 (City offices are closed on Good Friday, April 18.)

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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 24.

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

<http://www.seafordde.com/scsc/>

Remember: Swim lessons will be given throughout the swim season at the Seaford Community Swim Center and are open to ALL residents of the City.



National Day of Prayer

Meet at City Hall
on Thursday,
May 1, 2014 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. We
hope to see
you there!



A message from the desk of Acting-Mayor David Genshaw

I greatly appreciate the feedback you have given us about our City newsletter. We will continue to work to make it informative and fun to read.

With spring upon us, it's hard to believe we just went through one of the more active winters in recent memory. The City is looking at ways to better serve you next season to keep our roads cleared, such as a brine sprayer. This has proven to be a cost-effective way to pre-treat the roads and lessen the impact of snow and ice.

I continue to be encouraged by the interest we are seeing in economic development. Whether it is businesses wanting to move here or existing businesses expanding, there is a clear uptick in activity. There is increased interest in housing development. We're excited to see where that leads. Our community establish the Seaford Walks program. Walking Club Leaders set the dates, times and locations that their club will be walking or it can be done as an individual. The City of Seaford has three walking trails – Hooper's Landing Fitness Trail, Soroptimist Park Walking Trail, and the Sports Complex Walking Trail, all with low impact terrain. Club Leaders agree to walk the same course each week or rotate courses. Active participants are also entered in a weekly drawing for various prizes. Our City employees are ready to help.

On Saturday, April 19 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. we will hold Elections for two City Council positions. Mark your calendars, and come out and vote!

Finally, I want to thank Scott Coulbourn and Sharon Drugash for their service to the City of Seaford. We are fortunate to have such good people serving our community; they will be missed by all of us.

We appreciate any and all feedback. Again, thanks for reading this.

David Genshaw

Thank You, Rhea Shannon

Councilman J. Rhea Shannon is retiring from service to the City of Seaford with his decision not to run for another term on City Council.

Rhea is married to Patricia Rawlins Shannon, and they have two sons and four grandchildren. While their children were growing up, he was involved with sports, camping, and fishing. Sons Scott and Patrick both served in the Marines Corps. Scott is currently a lawyer in Wilmington, and Patrick was employed as a wastewater operator for Tidewater Utilities until he lost his battle with an illness.

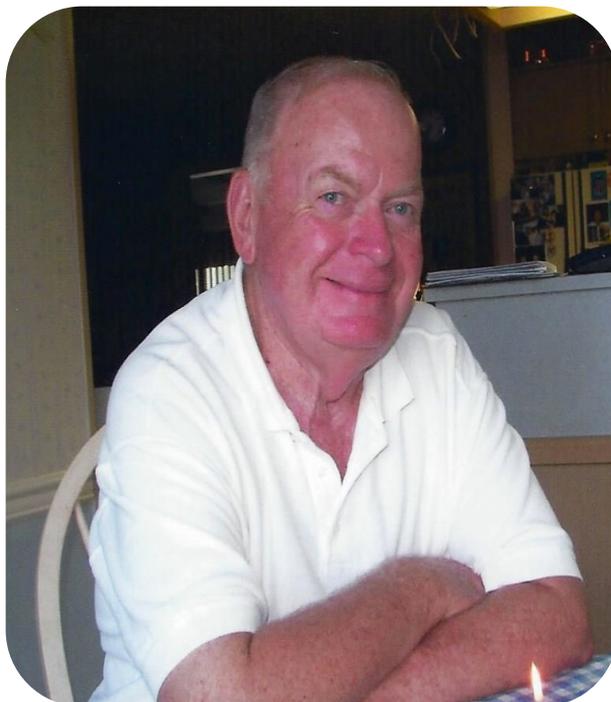
Rhea retired from Penco Corporation with 41 years of service. He then became a part-time employee for Cranston Funeral Home and worked there until spring 2013. The Shannon's have always enjoyed traveling, golf trips, and cruises. They continue to give back to this community they love.

Rhea has had a lifetime of community involvement, serving Seaford in numerous ways, including:

- Life member of Seaford Volunteer Fire Department for 54 years and a former Chief
- Commissioner on Seaford's Planning and Zoning, serving 25 years from March 1980-March 2005
- Council member, serving nine years from 2005-2014
- Lifetime member of St. John's United Methodist Church
- Terms on City Council as Police and Fire Commissioner
- Board member of the former Seaford Golf & Country Club
- Board member of Seaford Swim Association

Rhea will be missed on City Council; but we know that with his passion for the City's overall appearance and the success of the golf course, he will continue to be in touch and keep us on our toes.

Thank you so much, Rhea, for giving us your time, talents, and insight to help make Seaford a better City.



Friendly Reminders

- Please put a leash on your dog when you take your pet outside for the safety of you and your dog .
- Please clean-up after your pet's restroom break.
- Basketball nets should be placed away from City streets and sidewalks; position the net in your yard a safe distance from the street.
- Do not park or abandon untagged and/or inoperable vehicles on your property or on City streets.
- Make sure that your house/building has address numbers clearly displayed.
- Signs such as Stop, directional, Children Playing, Speed limits, etc. need to be clearly visible; do not allow shrubs, tree branches or vegetation to block the visibility of these signs.

The annual Parks and Recreation Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 12, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Ross Mansion.

The rain date is Sunday, April 13 at 2:00 p.m. at the same location.

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We are looking for sponsors for Movie in the Park events at the Ross Mansion! If you are interested call the Parks and Recreation Office at 629-6809.

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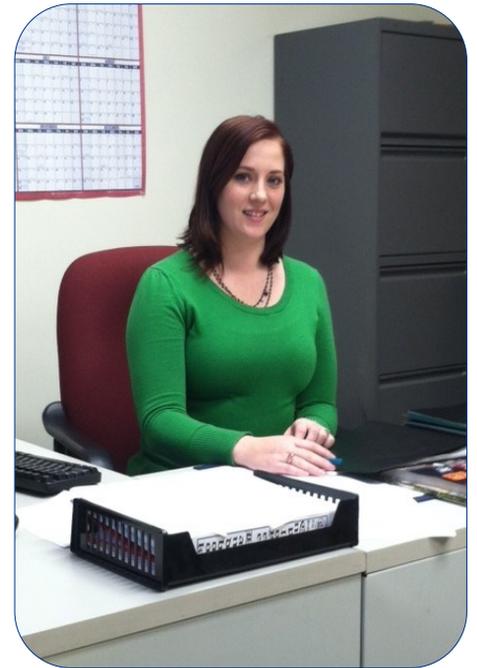
Tennis lessons are coming in June! Contact the Recreation Office at 302-629-6809 for more information.

Meet Natalie Wilson, the new Superintendent of Parks and Recreation!

Natalie Wilson was born and raised in Seaford before moving to Laurel during high school. She graduated from Laurel High in 2008 and currently is close to completing her bachelor's degree in business management at Salisbury University.

Before accepting the position of Superintendent of Parks and Recreation for Seaford, she spent more than six years employed at Trap Pond State Park. Working her way up the ladder, she did a little bit of everything, from managing the nature center finances to coordinating public events to running children's environmental education programs.

Natalie has a passion for getting kids outside into nature and looks forward to bringing that into the Parks & Recreation department in any way that she can. For fun, she loves cooking, camping, kayaking, hiking, and most other things that get her outside. Natalie currently lives in Governors Grant



Join us for the Community 5K Walk April 26, 9 a.m.

The City of Seaford will hold its community 5K Walk on Saturday, April 26 at the Hooper's Landing 5K trail. Registration for the event will begin at 9 a.m. (gifts for the first 10 registrants), with the ceremonial ribbon cutting at 9:30 a.m. by our State elected officials and Acting Mayor David Genshaw. Our 5K trail recently underwent improvements, with the addition of the sidewalk extension on the Harrington Street Side, a boardwalk path at the corner of Harrington Street and Sussex Avenue, and mile markers placed along the route. All of these improvements were made possible from the generous designation of Community Trust Funds by our local State elected officials – 39th District Representative Daniel Short and Senator Robert Venables. A healthy community is a viable community, and we thank them for their belief in that! We hope you will bring your entire family out for a fun morning with friends, and step into spring on the right foot!

After 28 years, Scott Coulbourn retired

- ◆ **When did you start with the City of Seaford and in what department?**

I started August 26, 1985 in Parks and Recreation and have been here ever since.

- ◆ **Of which project are you the most proud?**

The most exciting time was when Mayor Danny Short and Council created the Sports Complex with 30 acres that are now home to our football, soccer and softball fields, along with the Jays' Nest. This gave us the opportunity to grow our recreation programs as well as start with new facilities. It's a great-looking place, and I am proud of it.

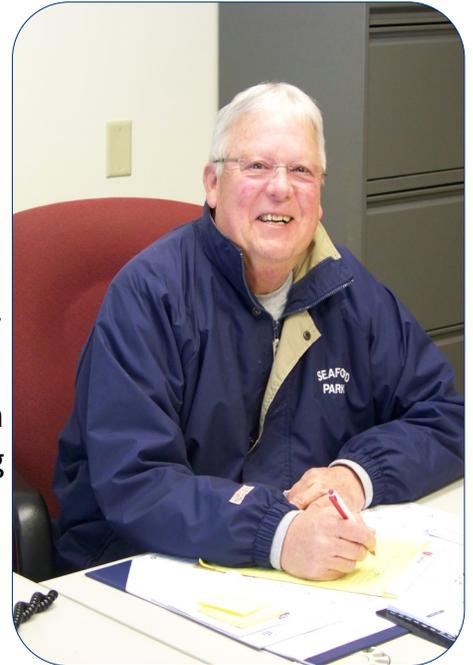
- ◆ **What has been the biggest change since you started?**

Technology. I started out with a typewriter, but now everything is computerized and social media. We are able to keep the public up-to-date on what we have to offer and now can take applications and payments online. Things are moving much faster.

- ◆ **Going forward, what do you see as the biggest opportunity for our Parks and Recreation Department?**

I would like to see our existing programs grow with more participation. I also would like to see our parks continue to improve, like our walking trails, along with keeping them well-maintained to look sharp.

It has been an enjoyable 28 years working for the City of Seaford. I have met and worked with a lot of wonderful people, and I will sorely miss them.



National Telecommunications Week



National Telecommunications Week will be held from April 13-19. The nation honors those who field 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. Our communications center handles thousands of calls a year. We thank them for their service and the job they do for the community.

Let's Play Golf!

Now that spring is finally here, it's a good time to clean those golf clubs and head to Hooper's Landing for a day on the links.



Located at 1019 W. Locust St. in Seaford, Hooper's Landing has much to offer: quality, well-maintained greens, a golf shop, and friendly, helpful staff.

Yearly golf passes are available from April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015. These passes include:

- unlimited greens fees (walk at any time)
- cart fees - \$15 for 18 holes
- discounts in golf shop and on range balls

Rates: Single Golf Pass \$850; Family Golf Pass \$1400;

Junior Golf Pass (age 12 - 19) \$350

Rates for 18 holes are:

January to end of March- every day \$30 w/cart; \$20 walk

April to end of October- Monday-Thursday \$40w/cart; \$25 walk

Friday-Sunday \$45w/cart; \$30 walk

Every day Twilight \$30 w/cart; \$20 walk after 3 p.m.

November to December- every day \$30 w/cart; \$20 walk

Rates for nine-holes are available at little more than half the 18 holes rate.

Want to learn the game or sharpen your skills? Golf lessons are available with PGA Head Professional Michael Connor. The cost is \$50 for a 50-minute lesson or five lessons for \$200 -- 5 for the price of 4! New this spring is a Video Analysis for \$10 more a lesson. Ladies' clinics will be offered this spring and clinics for Juniors this summer.

The Golf Shop is fully stocked with golf name brand clothing and accessories, complete line of clubs from Callaway, Taylor made and others, golf balls, and much more. The Shop is open: Spring and Fall - 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Summer -6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call 302-629-2890. See you on the green!

Electric Department Update

The City's Electric Department is preparing for a busy spring! We are involved in two big projects on Rt. 13 and Stein Highway, and we are putting seven new switches on our circuits. This will help when there is storm damage, and we can tie circuits together to restore your power. We will replace the switches in front of PK, one at Pine Street, and Stein Hwy, line switches on North St. and add a new switch on Cedar Ave. This is part of a system upgrade study to improve reliability for our customers.

We will also replace in-line switches on Dutton Ave. with a switch and add a switch on Eskridge Hwy, near Front St. These two switches will help us tie circuits together in case of an outage and will enable us to restore power with less line loss to the customer.



DelDOT Improves Route 13 Intersections

Del DOT has approved the project for the Route 13 intersection improvements. The intersections involved are from the north side of the City of Seaford at the Tharp Road and Route 13 (WalMart) intersection south to Concord Road and Route 13 (Royal Farms) intersection. The contractor hired to perform the roadway improvements and some utility relocations is Mumford Miller.

Delmarva Power and the City of Seaford also have hired contractors to relocate electrical and street lighting infrastructure as part of this project. The City's electrical contractor is AUI. Verizon will also be working in the area relocating its infrastructure. The project is estimated to take several months; the dates are being adjusted since unknown interruptions and relocations of specific underground utilities are involved.

There will be times when the turn lanes will be closed, traffic patterns will be altered, lane closures with flaggers will occur, and the volume of traffic increases due to the regional traffic and vacations. All of the contractors including Verizon and ESNG, Del DOT, and the City of Seaford seek the public's patience and ask the public to be alert when traveling in this area. Safety is of paramount concern for all.

If you are a local resident and know of an alternate route to access the businesses along this improvement corridor, please use it and reduce the impact on Route 13 and the intersections with work being performed.

After completion, these improvements are expected to accommodate more traffic with better and safer intersections. If you have a specific question the City staff can answer, please call 629-9173 and ask for Dolores Slatcher, City Manager or Charles Anderson, Asst. City Manager or e-mail dslatcher@seafordde.com or canderson@seafordde.com.

Tennis Court Lighting and Coin Boxes

The City of Seaford is in the process of replacing and repairing the coin boxes and lights on the tennis courts on School Lane. This has been a long process with the coin boxes as the original vendor became non-responsive and a new coin box had to be found.



Due to the higher cost of the new coin boxes, the plan is to order one this fiscal year, two next fiscal year, and the final ones in the following year. Presently Courts 5, 6, and 7 have coin boxes that are operational. As tennis players know, the coin boxes are susceptible to vandalism and malfunctions. Any problems with coin boxes or maintenance at the tennis courts needs to be reported to Natalie Wilson, Supt. of Parks and Recreation. Her contact information is 302-629-6809, cell 853-0005 seafordrec@seafordde.com.

The City of Seaford Celebrates 2014 Earth Day with a 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.



The 2014 Earth Day Tree Raffle is part of the City of Seaford's Earth Day Education campaign to teach its citizens more about energy efficiency and conservation. The City of Seaford has provided a display at City Hall for the public to learn more about this year's overall message:

Think Locally, Act Locally, and Buy Locally
to benefit health and quality of life while saving money.

To register for the raffle for the tree or for more information, please contact City Hall at 302-629-9173.

SAVE THE DATE!

LIVE for CHOCOLATE

A Night of Fun, Laughter and Support - Promoting Women's Health in Sussex County

Previously Nanticoke Health Services
Girls' Night Out

Friday, May 2nd • 5 to 9PM • Downtown Seaford, DE

Activities Include:

Scavenger Hunt	Food & Wine Tasting	Games	Artisans
Prizes	Man Cave	Shopping	Education
Live Radio Remote	Music		

And LOTS OF CHOCOLATE!

You don't want to miss this event....Mark your calendars and look for more details in the coming weeks!

Hosted by:



For more information go to www.nanticoke.org/GirlsNightOut

Prepare for Clean-Up Week

May 12-16, 2014

The City of Seaford annually schedules a clean-up week in order to improve the appearance of the City. During this week, the staff of the Public Works department staff will haul away unwanted materials for **CITY RESIDENTS ONLY!**

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.

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.

- Do not place leave, 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.
- No 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
- No freezers, refrigerators, air conditioners or other appliances which contain, or may have contained, Freon will be picked up.

Pick Up Schedule

Monday, May 12 - East of Front Street, Mearfield

Tuesday, May 13 - Front St., to the RR tracks, including Virginia Commons, Wilmar Village and Hurley Heights

Wednesday, May 14 - RR tracks to Nylon Blvd.

Thursday, May 15 - Martin Farms, Westview and Parson's Village

Friday, May 16—Woodside Manor, Belle Ayre, Governor's Grant

What To Do:

