

City of Seaford News



Meet the Public Works Department

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The City of Seaford's Public Works department consists of three departments: **water, sewer collection**, and **streets**, all of which are currently serviced by six cross-trained, full-time employees, one Operations Coordinator, and managed by the Director of Public Works. Four employees are Delaware Licensed Water Operators with the two newer employees working toward this goal. The Operations Coordinator and Director also hold an operator's license.

The **Water Department** serves a population of around 6,928 people and has approximately 2,600 service connections. Water for the city is supplied through:

- five wells
- four elevated storage tanks with a combined capacity of 1,850,000 gallons
- a distribution network containing approximately 66 miles of 4-18 inch water mains. All developed areas can be served by the surrounding water mains.

Sodium Hypochlorite is added for disinfection, soda ash is added for pH adjustment, fluoride is added for healthy teeth, and polyphosphate is used for corrosion control at all well treatment facilities.

To review the most recent annual water quality report, contact Berley Mears, Director of Public Works. To compare Seaford's water rates with the surrounding areas, see <http://www.wra.udel.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/WaterRatesinDelawareandSurroundingStatesDraftReport2014.pdf>

The **Sewer Department** is responsible for maintaining and repairing:

- approx. 36 miles of sewer main with around 2,500 service connections within the collection system, which has 14 sewage pumping stations and a gravity collection system that flows to the Seaford Wastewater Treatment Facility on the Nanticoke River. Seaford also accepts and treats all of the sewage from the County-owned system in Blades.

The **Street Department** maintains:

- 35.26 miles of the approx. 46 miles of streets within the City limits (11.37 miles are State maintained) Dept. responsibilities include: repairing pot holes, patching water/sewer repair road cuts, street sweeping, leaf/limb pickup, snow removal, cleaning catch basins, street signage, etc.

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- Celebrating 25 years
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A message from the desk of



Mayor David Genshaw

Happy New Year! 2016 is showing signs of being an exciting year. As I look at our downtown and along the river front, it is amazing to see the work that has occurred since October. Interest continues to build in the Downtown Development District, and I can't thank our leadership in City Hall for driving this opportunity to those who are interested in this area, whether big or small development.

We have two major projects before us this year. Infrastructure work to our electric distribution system and MS4 — Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System — being pushed out by the Environmental Protection Agency will be the focus of our operations. Those projects combined with continued involvement in our waterfront development will certainly keep us busier than usual.

Several new things were started in the last quarter of 2015 which I'm excited to see continue to grow. *First Saturday* was a big hit and allowed our community to enjoy the products of local vendors, good music and food. Look for this event to resume when the weather is more welcoming. The City also launched a Facebook page as another way to share information. I expect this to become more active in 2016 along with new ways to stay in touch with you.

YOU make Seaford a great place...Thank you for being here!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Genshaw".

Did you know the City of Seaford is now on FACEBOOK!



You can find us at www.facebook.com/cityofseaford/. We are excited to use this method of communication to reach our community! We hope you will like our page and recommend us to others so they can keep up to date with City of Seaford news and events! We still intend to you use our website as our first method of communication and encourage you to sign up for notifications from there as well.

Senior Citizen Tax Exemption

Are you a senior citizen 65 years or older before July 1, 2016 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? If the answers are YES, then you may be eligible for a senior citizen exemption on your City property taxes.

Those who qualify for this program 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 currently noted in our records as exempt; applications will be available at www.seafordde.com and at City Hall after April 1.

Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! *Guidelines for Safety When it Snows*

Although the snow is beautiful, it can also be dangerous. The City of Seaford has ordinances in place to help keep you safe.

Did you know that you must clear your sidewalk in front of your house or business within 24 hours after the snow stops? This helps to prevent the snow from icing over on the sidewalks. Also, be sure that you check where your vehicle is parked during a snowfall. If it is on a snow route (marked by signs), the vehicle needs to be moved. We want to do our part to help keep everyone safe in the event of inclement weather.

City streets are cleared in accordance to priorities: cleared first are primary roads for emergency responders; secondary streets are next, then feeder streets, and last the alleys. This order of clearance ensures that first responders have access should you have an emergency. We hope you understand our process and work with us to assure the City is responsive to all needs.

If you have an emergency, please contact the Seaford Police Department. **The emergency number is always 911.** If you have a question or concern during a snow fall about snow plowing or your electric service, please call City Hall at 302-629-9173 during business hours (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) or the non-emergency number at 302-629-4550 after hours. If it is a major city-wide emergency, staff will be in place at City Hall to handle your non-emergency calls.

Unlike other agencies, **city offices do not close during snow storms, and staff does report to work.** For more information regarding snow emergency routes and snow removal, please call Berley Mears, Director of Public Works, at 302-629-8307.



Friendly Reminders

- If an electric outage occurs, please call 629-4550
- In addition to the usual City Building Permits, permits are also required for sheds, sidewalks & curbing, fencing and swimming pools. Sussex County may also require a permit. To confirm if you need a permit from Sussex County, call the County Permit Office at 302-855-7720.
- The accumulation of trash is a health and life safety hazard. Every property should have durable metal or plastic containers with tight-fitting lids to hold trash bags. The containers should, at a minimum, be emptied weekly.
- If you have a sewer issue, please contact us first at 629-9173 before calling a plumber

Recreation

Upcoming

Programs

Men's Basketball
& Flag Football

League will be
starting in March

Adult Coed

Volleyball will be
starting in March

Men's Slow Pitch

Softball starting

in April

Contact the
Recreation Office
at 302-629-6809

and check us out
on Facebook for

more

information.

Holiday Decorating Contest

The Mayor and Council awarded and recognized the 2015 holiday decorating winners. The Mayor emphasized the decorations this year throughout the City were outstanding and many, thereby making the decision was tough. This years winners are 1st Place -Juan Lugo, 2nd Place -Scott & Kay Bleile, and 3rd Place - Navrang Brahmabhatt.

Congratulations to all!



MLK Day Celebration

Due to scheduled renovations at Heritage Shores, the prayer breakfast did not take place this year.

As an alternative, and to honor Dr. King and his legacy, MLK Day of Celebration urges all who are able to promote the spirit of volunteerism by participating in a day of service to the community.



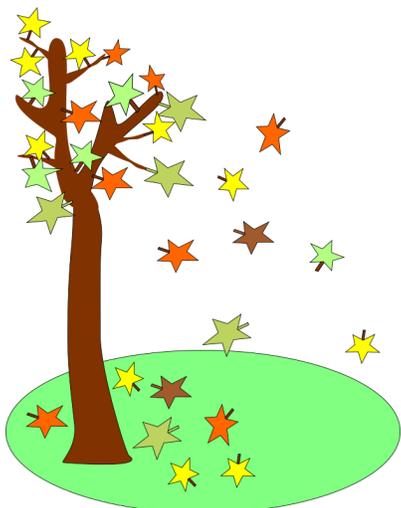
Gateway Park Turns Red for Heart Month

During the month of February, Nanticoke Health Services and the City of Seaford will light up Gateway Park and City Hall in recognition of Heart Month. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for both men and women, but heart disease is preventable and controllable. Some health factors and lifestyles may put you at greater risk for heart disease, but there are some things you can do to help prevent it:

- ♥ Eat a healthy diet.
- ♥ Maintain a healthy weight.
- ♥ Exercise regularly
- ♥ Monitor your blood pressure.
- ♥ Don't smoke.
- ♥ Limit alcohol use.
- ♥ Have your cholesterol checked.
- ♥ Manage any medical conditions you may have (i.e. Diabetes).
- ♥ Take medications as prescribed.



CDC. "February is Heart Month" February 4, 2013.
<http://www.cdc.gov/Features/HeartMonth/> (Nov 7, 2013)



The leaf machine does not operate after December 31st. Leaves must be bagged January 1 to September 30. The leaf machine runs from October 1– December 31 each year.

Wendy Pinkine ~ Code Department

In January of 1991, Wendy Pinkine began her full-time career with the city. Wendy initially served as an administrative secretary, but she soon transitioned into the position of the Code Officer.

In this role, Wendy is responsible for numerous duties, including property and housing inspections, enforcement of the City Municipal Code, and issuing licenses. For many years she prepared the minutes of the City Council meetings and continues to serve as the secretary to the Planning & Zoning Commission and the Board of Adjustment, processing applications and taking meeting minutes

During her employment with the City, Wendy has developed a strong relationship with its residents and property owners, always striving to balance customer service with enforcement of the City Code.

In her spare time, Wendy enjoys sewing, cooking and other crafts as well as spending time with her family. Wendy has two daughters, Kelly and Nori, and two granddaughters.

Thank you, Wendy, for your dedication and commitment to the city and for providing excellent customer service to this community during your 25 years of service.



Join the hunt for Easter eggs!

Bring your children to enjoy some Easter fun! The City of Seaford's Recreation Department will hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 19, starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Ross Mansion on N. Pine Street Ext. Children can participate in age-appropriate groups to search for the eggs. Be sure to bring your camera as there may even be a visit from the Easter bunny! We hope to see you there!



CITY OF SEAFORD

Municipal Election – April 16, 2016

The City of Seaford Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016 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.



One (1) Mayor will be elected for a (2) year term
One (1) Council Member will be elected for a (3) year term.

All candidates must have filed by 5:00 p.m., E.S.T., February 26, 2016. Any candidate who withdraws his/her name must do so in writing. Any candidate who withdraws his/her name after 5:00 p.m., E.S.T., February 26, 2016 will still appear on the official ballot for election.

Anyone eighteen (18) years of age or older who is a bona fide resident to be eligible to vote **must have been registered at the Seaford City Hall by 5:00 p.m., E.S.T., March 25, 2016.** A nonresident property owner to be eligible to vote must be owner of record for a period of six (6) months immediately preceding the date of the Annual Municipal Election (October 16, 2015) and shall have one vote **provided he or she is registered on the “Books of Registered Voters” maintained at the City Hall. Registration hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. or by appointment if you cannot register during these normal business hours.**

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.

A person shall be required to register only one time. You are urged to check your registration if you did not vote in the last municipal election. If you have moved out of the City after your original registration, you will need to check your registry to assure you are an eligible voter.

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

2016 Golf Pass

Monthly or Full Year

April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2017



302 629-2890

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.

Let's Play Golf!

Hooper's Landing Rate Changes for 2016

	Current Rates		2016 Rates
Spring/Summer/Fall Weekdays open to 3pm	\$40	Spring/Summer/Fall Weekdays open to 11am	\$44
		Spring/Summer/Fall 11am to 3pm	\$40
Twilight Weekdays	\$30	Twilight Weekdays	\$30
Spring/Summer/Fall Weekends Open to 3pm	\$45	Spring/Summer/Fall Weekends Open to 11am	\$49
		Spring/Summer/Fall 11am to 3pm	\$45
Twilight Weekends	\$30	Twilight Weekends	\$30
Winter Daily	\$30	Winter Daily	\$30



**HOOPER'S LANDING
GOLF COURSE**

LED Street Lighting

The City of Seaford has developed a three year plan to replace the cobra head street lights on City maintained streets with new LED lights. This will save the City taxpayers and utility users about \$800,000 in electricity cost over the next twenty years at today's rates. The lights were purchased out of the green energy fund and were not an expense added to the budget.

The first phase of 198 lights was delivered in late November and we have installed 122 of these lights by year end. We should have the remaining lights installed by the end of January. The second phase of 216 lights will get ordered in July and will also be funded out of the green energy fund. The 130 lights in phase 3 will be ordered in July of 2017 and will also be funded out of the green energy fund.

Then we will have a plan in place to replace the pole lights in the several different areas of town and the cobra head lights on the State maintained roads to be replaced with energy saving LED lights.

The City is also in the process of planning a major electric system upgrade to the substation on Pine St. and it will entail the decommissioning and removal of the Central substation on the river. Central substation is at the end of its projected life span and removing it will get rid of the liability of oil on the shore of the river. Pine St Substation is very near the expected life span and this project has been in the planning stages for several years. This project is needed to ensure the reliability and maintain the future of the electric system for the present load and future load growth for the City of Seaford.

