

City of Seaford News



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Boot Scootin on the Nanticoke

The Nanticoke Riverfest will celebrate its 22nd anniversary this year. The annual event will take place in downtown Seaford on Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9. There is no admission fee to the festivities which will have something for everyone in the family!

On Friday, July 8, be sure to make your way down to the Riverwalk around 8:30 p.m. for the boat parade. Our signature float-in will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 9.

The outstanding entertainment lineup that you are sure to enjoy featuring nightly headliners “Mike Hines” & “Under The Covers”. Riverfest also includes the car show, Mayor’s Challenge, children’s play area, the youth fishing tournament, the Nanticoke Health Services tent, wide variety of delicious food, craft vendors, and much, much more! Join us for fun times! For more detailed event information, visit the Web site: www.nanticokeriverfest.com.



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A message from the desk of Mayor David Genshaw

The City recently passed its budget; once again, we will hold the line, and there will be no tax or fee increase. The City Council understands that our economy is tight and with a lot of work done by your City employees, there will be no increases to our residents or businesses. I want to thank both our Council and our employees for all their efforts to make this happen.

Expect to see continued change in our Seaford downtown. In addition to development on the riverfront, plan to see new things occurring in the very near future. The Seaford Tomorrow organization continues to work with the local downtown businesses to grow, promote and improve the looks of our downtown. "First Saturday" is building momentum - if you have not attended, come and enjoy the music, food and vendors. Bring some friends ... relax, eat and shop!

I also want to share how proud I am of our Seaford Police Department. The Chief and his team are making an immediate impact on cleaning up our town. If you have a chance, please express your thanks to our local police officers. They are doing great things to make and keep our community safe.

My hope is that you have a chance to enjoy the beautiful outdoors here in Seaford. Whether it's the fishing or water skiing on the Nanticoke River, playing golf at Hooper's Landing, enjoying a stroll on one of our walking paths, or shopping downtown, Seaford is a great place to live and play! Hope to see you at Riverfest on July 8-9.

David Genshaw

Mayor's "Right Choice" Winner Announced

Mayor Genshaw presented Jacob Prettyman with the 2016 Mayor's Right Choice Award. This award is given annually to a graduating senior who resides within the Seaford School District, makes the right choices and serves as a role model for others.

We commend Jacob and wish him the best as he attends college this fall at the University of Delaware.

All of this year's applicants were fantastic and Seaford is fortunate to have such outstanding young citizens in its community!



Municipal Election Results

The City of Seaford Annual Municipal Election was held on Saturday, April 16, 2016. The results are as follows:

Total Number of Ballots Cast— 315 (including 31 Absentee Ballots)

Frank Daniel Cannon Jr.— 87

Leanne Phillips-Lowe— 228

Mayor Genshaw was unopposed.)



The Oath of Office was conducted by Judge Scott Bradley at the May 10 council meeting. Congratulations to Mayor Genshaw and Councilwoman Phillips-Lowe, and thank you for your dedication to the community.

Electric Dept. wins 1st place! Winner for Seven Years

Superintendent of Electric Bill Bennett presented to the Mayor and Council APPA Safety Award earned by the Electric Department.

The American Power Association has recognized the City of Seaford with first place in Category B of its annual Safety Award of Excellence program. This award is given based on any reportable injury or illness arising out of and in the course of employment which results in death, days away from work, restricted work activity or medical treatment.

The categories are based on the number of work hours during a calendar year. In 2015, the department worked 19,139 hours with no reportable injuries. The department has attained this award since it began reporting in 2010.



Friendly Reminders

- No more than three (3) dogs over the age of six months are permitted in a dwelling unit.
- Trash bags should be stored inside durable metal or plastic containers and have tight-fitting lids.
- You need to obtain a permit from the City if you have any type of swimming pool, including an inflatable pool, that holds more than 300 gallons of water.
- The Weeds and Vegetation Ordinance requires that all grass, weeds and uncontrolled vegetation should be no taller than 10 inches.
- Basketball nets should not be placed at the curb to avoid playing basketball in the street.

The City of Seaford summer hours are now in effect until September 30. City offices will be open from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Payments can be made online or placed in the drop box if the office is not open.

Parks and Recreation Happenings

Plaaay Ball!

Seaford Night at the Shorebirds

Join us on Friday, July 22 at 6:30 p.m. (first pitch at 7:05 p.m.) to watch the Shorebirds host the Hickory Crawdads! Tickets are \$10 each which includes a seat in the reserved box seats and a parking voucher. Transportation will not be provided (unless under certain circumstances.) Please call the Seaford Recreation office at 302-629-6809 to reserve your tickets or for any questions.



Orioles vs. Rays

Mark your calendars in advance for Friday, September 16 to attend an Orioles game at Camden Yards! Tickets are \$70 per person or \$65 per person for a group of four or more people. Transportation will be provided by a coach bus, leaving the Parks & Rec building at 3:30 p.m. The giveaway for that night is tall O's socks for the 20,000 fans to enter the park, ages 15 and up! Call 302-629-6809 to reserve your tickets or for any questions.



Flag Football

The season is quickly approaching, so time to get your kids signed up ages 6-8, 9-11, and 12-14! The fee is \$40 and a copy of the birth certificate will be needed along with the registration form. You can pick up/fill out the registration at our office, 320 Virginia Ave (open 7am-4pm, Mon-Fri) or go online to www.seafordde.com to the recreation department and fill out your registration there. For any questions call (302) 629-6809.



Movie Night at Mt. Olivet UMC

The City of Seaford and Mt. Olivet UMC are teaming up for a FREE movie night on July 15 at 8:00 p.m. A G-Rated movie, will be shown; all family members are welcome to attend. It will be held on the Mt. Olivet parking lot; please bring lawn chairs with you. Light refreshments will be served and the movie will begin at 8:30p.m. For any questions call Seaford Parks Dept. (302) 629-6809. See you there!



Meet Katie Hickey Supertindent of Parks and Recreation

Katie has always been active in the Seaford community, from participating in Parks & Rec basketball to making lemonade with her church family to sell during the Riverfest event.

After graduating from Seaford High School in 2010, she chose to stay at home and earn her Associate Degree in Production Agriculture at Delaware Tech. That decision led her to know exactly what she wanted to study after her acceptance into the University of Delaware. Katie received her bachelor's degree in Food and Agribusiness Marketing & Management and also Agriculture and Natural Resources.

Although she graduated in December 2014, Katie's time at the University of Delaware was not over. Since there was no winter commencement, she chose to study abroad through the university and went to South Africa! Following that trip, she was fortunate enough to hold three different positions with the University of Delaware as a program coordinator. While there, Katie sharpened her skills in finance, logistics, management, and organization. She enjoyed her time as a student and faculty member at the university but found that no matter where she may travel, Seaford will always be home.

Katie considers it an honor to have a new job as Superintendent of Parks and Recreation and hopes Seaford continues its progress in the future. Her goal is to help bring our community together through events such as Riverfest, Movies in the Park, and community outings/days (shows or sporting events.) She wants to interact with the public, understand what the community wants for Seaford, and then be proactive in trying to make it happen.

Seaford is beginning a new chapter with its revitalization, and so is Katie in her new position.



Credit Cards Now Accepted for Payments

The City of Seaford is now accepting debit/credit cards in the office. There are fees associated with paying your bill using this method. The fee for debit/credit card payments will be approximately 2.95% of your total bill.



AFRAM Festival set for August 13

AFRAM will celebrate 21 years on Saturday, August 13 at the Seaford Sports Complex. Event organizers say it will enrich your body, mind and soul with a selection of cultural foods, fascinating exhibits, and free live music ... Reggae, Jazz, Gospel, Blues/Soul, Calypso ... what could be better? Remember to bring your lawn chairs for great seating.

Stroll among AFRAM's cultural vendors for some of the best foods and exotic imports: African textiles, printed fashions, incense, jewelry and accessories, natural beauty products, and fine arts/crafts and books from across the Diaspora.

There will be free information and networking opportunities about wellness, education, family care, entrepreneurship, employment; government agencies and services available among AFRAM's Community Resource/Non-Profit vendors.

Come explore and enjoy exhibits, such as the traditional drummers and dancers, gospel music by Tony Smith, Mascot Mania and the Self Expressions car show. Come on out and bring the family for a great time!



Meet the Parks and Recreation Department

Parks – Over the last few months we have been focused on cleaning up all City grass cutting areas, making sure all work orders are completed in a timely manner, and moving forward with having two of our parks (Jays Nest and Soroptimist) re-mulched.

We are working on a project with the City electric department by moving irrigation lines in Kiwanis Park so they are able to put in a new light system, and other amenities. The goal is to modernize the fountain electric service and irrigation service as they are well over 25 years old and starting to be unreliable.

Riverfest is in full swing for our department as they work on cutting, trimming, and spraying around City Hall and High Street areas for the upcoming event on July 8-9. We will also clear out a path for the annual Float-In launch site so floaters are easily able to get their float on!

Recreation – Throughout the last two months we have been working on setting up community trips and events. We have scheduled a trip to see the Delmarva Shorebirds for July 22nd and a trip to see the Baltimore Orioles on September 16th (tickets are available for both games). Encounter Praise & Worship, along with Mt. Olivet UMC has teamed up with the City of Seaford to bring movie night back into the community! There will be a free [showing on July 15th](#) in the Mt. Olivet parking lot starting at 8:00 p.m. where all family members and friends are welcome to attend. We are hoping to have two more nights during the month of August before school starts back up. Stay tuned for more information.

Not only have we been focused on community trips and gatherings, but our sports programs too! Our youth and adult flag football programs will be in full swing during the month of August. Youth flag football sign-ups are still available, ages 6-14. Though our department does not affiliate with the local Pop Warner tackle football, we still support their program by donating equipment to the organization.

We hope to keep moving forward by making sure our parks are in great condition for the community to enjoy while also keeping the community involved in all of our current and future programs and events. On behalf of the City of Seaford Parks and Recreation Department and our employees come out and enjoy all that our beautiful parks and facilities have to offer.





New flags to fly downtown

New spring and summer flags will soon be flying on Market St, Pennsylvania Ave. and Nylon Blvd.... compliments of the Downtown Seaford Association.

The flag committee, chaired by Bev Blades, along with Sara Lee Thomas and Sue Wile, presented the new flags to Mayor Genshaw on Tuesday, June 14.

The old flags were purchased in 2011 and had begun to show wear and tear. Downtown Seaford Association member Jane Webb, was able to mend them to get one more year of use for last year; however they are no longer in a good enough condition to fly.

The new flags will go up after July 4th. The City is grateful for the donation and thanks the Downtown Seaford Association for its continued support and commitment to our community.

Search feature now available on city website

The City of Seaford Web site (www.seafordde.com) now contains a new search feature. The search bar is located at the top right of the web pages. This feature will make it easier for users to search all text (as well as in Word and PDF documents that have been uploaded) located on our web pages, when they are looking for something specific. *DISCLAIMER – PDFs not created from original format (i.e. scanned documents, etc.) or JPEGs will not be searched.*

SEAFORD's SOLAR ARRAY PROJECT: What you should know!

The City of Seaford will start construction of a 688 kW +/- Alternating Current Solar Array project to be located at the City Utility Building complex at 8000 Herring Run Road. This project will allow the Seaford Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) to generate a portion of its electricity using a renewable resource - the sun. This will result in a significant reduction in the greenhouse gas effects and allow the facility to be less dependent upon fossil fuel. In response to the volatile energy market and a desire to be environmentally efficient, the City has decided to undertake a project which would result in the installation of a renewable energy system. The overarching goals for this undertaking are: to move away from resource intensive energy sources, reduce the facility's impact on the environment, create a hedge against rising utility rates and provide a community solar facility to benefit its residents and business community.

Due to the space constraints at the existing WWTP located on Nanticoke Avenue, the City determined in its initial planning that the installation of a ground mounted solar array at the Public Utilities complex was the best option for the project location. The solar array will occupy approximately 2 acres of the existing site. In addition, this site was chosen based on the fact that currently a City electrical transmission facility and substation (Ross Substation) are in close proximity. This will make the connection of the solar generation facility to the power grid more cost effective and reduce its complexity.

The electricity generated by the solar array will be introduced into the grid and used to offset the energy demand of the WWTP. This will help manage electrical costs as electrical consumption of the facility is one of the largest expenses of operation. This effort will have a positive effect in controlling overall costs.

The goal of the City Council and the staff of the City is to take advantage of any opportunity to improve operational efficiencies and look for cost-saving opportunities whenever possible. We are also happy to take advantage of the environmental benefits of this project and be good stewards of our resources for the next generation of Seafordians.

Berley Mears
Director of Public Works

Bill Bennett
Superintendent of Electric

City of Seaford Sponsors 3rd Annual Emergency Preparedness Raffle

Preparing for an emergency means you also stay informed! To help you do that, the City is sponsoring an Emergency Preparedness Raffle from until August 30. Visit City Hall (414 High Street) and enter to win a free weather radio for your home, which includes an LED flashlight, uses batteries and can be powered by a USB port. This handheld, portable unit has an ALERT system that turns the unit on when a dangerous weather or civil emergencies arises.

To be eligible to win the radio, you must: complete a raffle entry form and place it in the raffle box at City Hall (limit 1 per household); be a City of Seaford customer; and give permission to have your name and picture in a media publication.

The winner will be notified after the drawing on August 31 to come to City Hall to receive the emergency radio and have a picture taken.

Do your part to be ready in an emergency!



New Chief of Police Selected

Acting Chief/Captain Gary Flood, a 41-year department veteran, was promoted to the position of Chief of the City of Seaford Police Department (SPD). He will lead a department of 27 sworn officers, nine dispatchers and two administrative personnel.

Chief Gary W. Flood was hired by the City as a patrolman, in October 1974.. He has served as captain of the department since September 2003. During his tenure with the SPD, Gary served four years as a K-9 Officer, 15 years as the lead officer of the STAR (Specialized Tactics and Response) Team; for the past 16 years he has overseen the day-to-day operations of the 9-1-1 Communications Center and its dispatchers. When asked about his new position, Gary stated, "I am honored and humbled by this promotion. I will certainly strive to do what is best for our citizens and our community."

Gary is a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1968-1972. He is also a lifetime member of the Laurel Volunteer Fire Department. Gary resides in Laurel, Delaware with his wife of 33 years, Debby. They have a son Steven, a daughter Heather, enjoy spending time with their five grandchildren. The Floods share an avid love for bluegrass music; Gary has even been known to occasionally play a little banjo.

Mayor David Genshaw stated he is confident that "Gary is clear on our direction and I look forward to the impact he will make. He has my full support Councilwoman Leanne Phillips-Lowe has been able to work closely with Gary Flood during the past several years, while serving as the Police Commissioner. When asked about Gary's promotion she stated, "Gary Flood is a man of integrity, intellect, and good moral character who has performed with distinction. Dedicated and conscientious, he continually has demonstrated high standards during his career in law enforcement. I am confident that as Chief of Police, he will be an exemplary leader for the men and women of the Seaford Police Department and the 911 Center and will serve the City of Seaford and its residents with honor."

Chief Gary Flood has the intimate community knowledge to be able to start fast and bring about those changes expressed by our citizens and businesses to curtail illicit activities. Dolores Slatcher, City Manager, stated, "I have had the privilege of working with him for almost four decades; the City would be hard pressed to find another candidate, who cares as deeply as Gary does about the men and women in the Police and 911 Center departments and for the overall City. He has my complete backing as the City Manager." The City of Seaford looks forward to working with Chief Gary Flood in his new capacity.



Have you Seen the New Solar Speed Limit Signs?

The solar speed limit signs were funded by Rep. Danny Short in an effort to increase safety around the schools located on Stein Highway and Sussex Avenue. The signs were installed by the City of Seaford, which now maintain them to keep them functional.

The Solar speed limit signs monitor vehicles as they approach and alert drivers by displaying their actual speed.

The purpose of the signs in these two locations is to prevent excessive/high speed in the vicinity of the schools where youth are walking and parents are picking up children.



AMP Lineman Training Program

Two members from the electric department recently traveled to Ohio to undergo training in the AMP Lineman program. Congratulations to Taylor Budke and Joe McCabe who both successfully completed the program and earned the Basic 1 Lineworker Training. They will both return in September to take the Basic 2 Lineworker Training. Congratulations on a job well done!



Seaford Announces the Winner of its 2016 Earth Day Tree Raffle

Congratulations to James King for winning the City's 2016 Earth Day Tree raffle! Mr. King was very excited to win the tree and has already picked out the perfect spot to plant the tree.

The City of Seaford raffles shade trees because they 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 energy 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 2016 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. There was a display at the 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.

Thinking Locally – means asking ourselves to think about:

- * The uniqueness of our community,
- * How we sometimes waste our limited resources, and
- * How to use resources more sustainably to retain the natural beauty of the local environment

Acting Locally – means taking action to help ourselves and our community:

- * Save money on electricity costs through simple low and no cost energy efficiency measures,
- * Better understand how energy efficiency and conservation help reduce local carbon emissions, and
- * Take direct personal action by entering a raffle to win a tree that not only absorbs carbon but also reduces summer cooling costs through free shading

Buying Locally – means we should seek local resources first because:

- * Imported food typically travels farther and requires more fuel to get from field to plate,
- * Local trips can sometimes be handled on foot or bike which reduces vehicle miles traveled and saves energy, and
- * Reducing the amount of congestion on the roads can improve local air quality

To learn more about how to save energy, visit the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) website www.demecinc.net

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DEMEC was formed in 1979 as a public corporation constituted as a Joint Action Agency and a wholesale electric utility. DEMEC represents and serves the nine municipal electric distribution utilities located in the State of Delaware.

Members of DEMEC are the cities and towns of Clayton, Dover, Seaford, Middletown, Milford, New Castle, Newark, Seaford and Smyrna. Collectively, they serve over 129,000 residents and businesses in their respective communities. In total DEMEC's Members have a peak load over 450 Megawatts. DEMEC is a generation owner and the PJM Load Serving Entity ("LSE") for eight of these municipal utilities (except Dover) and provides 100% of their wholesale power supply requirements.



Left to Right: Seaford Electrical Engineer Rick Garner; Vice-Mayor Dan Henderson; Earth Day Tree winners Mrs. and Mr. James King; Seaford City Manager Dolores Slatcher; and Seaford Superintendent of Electric Bill Bennett

**CITY OF SEAFORD
BUDGET/REVENUE ANALYSIS
ADOPTED BUDGET 06 14 2016 (No Rate Increase)**

	FY 2016	FY 2017	% CHANGE	\$ INCR/ DECR
<u>REVENUE</u>				
General Fund	5,879,043	5,295,744	-9.92%	(583,299)
Transfer from Electric Fund	2,731,660	3,257,142	19.24%	525,482
Transfer from Sewer Fund	100,000	230,500	130.50%	130,500
Transfer from Water Fund	177,644	65,800	-62.96%	(111,844)
Municipal Golf Fund	0	22,019	0.00%	22,019
Transfer from General Fund	454,204	448,068	-1.35%	(6,136)
Transfer from Electric Fund	0	0	0.00%	0
Water Fund	1,317,418	1,200,771	-8.85%	(116,647)
Transfer from Electric	0	0	0.00%	0
Sewer Fund	2,551,785	4,360,085	70.86%	1,808,300
Transfer from Electric	0	0	0.00%	0
Electric Fund	15,365,040	16,012,679	4.22%	647,639
TOTAL REVENUE	28,576,794	30,892,808	8.10%	2,316,014
REVENUE W/O INTERNAL TRANSFER	25,113,286	26,891,298	7.08%	1,778,012

EXPENDITURES

Executive	115,921	96,214	-17.00%	(19,707)
Capital	0	2,275		
Administration	1,741,932	1,753,731	0.68%	11,799
Capital	17,500	59,975	242.71%	42,475
Transfer to Golf Fund	454,204	448,068	-1.35%	(6,136)
Economic Development	127,578	113,893	-10.73%	(13,685)
Capital	6,500	44,900	590.77%	38,400
Information Technology	0	79,369	0.00%	79,369
Capital	0	1,700	0.00%	1,700

Code	321,163	362,997	13.03%	41,834
Capital	29,500	1,400	-95.25%	(28,100)
Fire	273,707	269,126	-1.67%	(4,581)
Capital	0	0	0.00%	0
Police	3,681,980	3,474,088	-5.65%	(207,892)
Capital	72,000	79,900	10.97%	7,900
Dispatchers	630,808	604,180	-4.22%	(26,628)
Capital	0	6,900	0.00%	6,900
Recreation	214,611	213,567	-0.49%	(1,044)
Capital	1,400	0	-100.00%	(1,400)
Parks	496,105	491,733	-0.88%	(4,372)
Capital	0	24,270	0.00%	24,270
Pools	25,630	31,784	24.01%	6,154
Capital	0	0	0.00%	0
Streets	477,808	495,922	3.79%	18,114
Capital	200,000	193,194	-3.40%	(6,806)
EXPENDITURES - SUBTOTAL PAGE 1	8,888,347	8,849,186	-0.44%	(39,161)
Municipal Golf	454,204	470,087	3.50%	15,883
Capital	0	0	0.00%	0
Water	1,011,016	1,018,684	0.76%	7,668
Capital	128,758	116,287	-9.69%	(12,471)
Transfer to General Fund	177,644	65,800	-62.96%	(111,844)
Sewer Collector System	437,494	436,572	-0.21%	(922)
Capital	0	14,900	0.00%	14,900
Sewer Plant	1,772,676	1,707,698	-3.67%	(64,978)
Capital	10,100	1,692,700	16659.41%	1,682,600
Transfer to General Fund	100,000	230,500	130.50%	130,500
Compost	213,515	277,715	30.07%	64,200
Capital	18,000	0	-100.00%	(18,000)

Electric Distribution	12,421,980	12,618,931	1.59%	196,951
Capital	211,400	136,606	-35.38%	(74,794)
Transfer to General Fund	2,731,660	3,257,142	19.24%	525,482
Transfer to Golf Course Fund	0	0	0.00%	0
Transfer to Water Fund	0	0	0.00%	0
Transfer to Sewer Fund	0	0	0.00%	0
Power House	0	0	0.00%	0
Capital	0	0	0.00%	0
EXPENDITURES - SUBTOTAL PAGE 2	19,688,447	22,043,622	11.96%	2,355,175
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	28,576,794	30,892,808	8.10%	2,316,014
EXPENDITURES W/O INTERNAL TRANSFER	25,113,286	26,891,298	7.08%	1,778,012
Total Revenues without Internal Transfers	25,113,286	26,891,298	7.08%	1,778,012
Total Expenditures without Internal Transfers	25,113,286	26,891,298	7.08%	1,778,012
Surplus (Deficit)	0	0	0.00%	0
Note: Purchased Power Electric Distribution	10,063,085	9,903,124	-1.59%	(159,961)
Note: Electric Distribution without Purchased Power	2,358,895	2,715,807	15.13%	356,912