

City of Seaford News



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City & Hospital are making strides against cancer by “Going Pink!”

On Monday, October 5, 2015 at 7:15 p.m., the community is invited to join the Nanticoke Cancer Care Center and the City of Seaford for the Annual Pink Ribbon Breast Cancer Awareness Walk to “Turn Sussex Pink” and kick off Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

The walk brings community members together to honor breast cancer survivors and remember those who lost their battle with breast cancer. Participants are encouraged to wear pink and will be given a pink light to carry throughout the three-block walk along a lighted path from the Nanticoke Cancer Care Center to Gateway Park, which will be decorated with pink lights and ribbons.

The walk will end with a ceremony at Gateway Park, where Melissa Williamson, a cancer survivor and member of Nanticoke’s Case Management Department, will be the featured speaker at the event; Amanda Scott, daughter of Tina Craig from the Cancer Care Center, will perform as the soloist.

Nanticoke Cancer Care Services and the mammography team at Nanticoke want to remind you that the first sign of breast cancer usually shows up on a woman’s mammogram before it can be felt or any other symptoms are present. Please remember to schedule your mammogram and remind your mothers, sisters, friends, and all women in your life to get a mammogram.

For more information about the walk or for help scheduling a mammogram, call Fredeline Menard, cancer nurse navigator, at 302-629-6611, x 3765.

New Date and Times for Municipal Election

The Annual Municipal Election will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016; the Mayor seat and one (1) Council seat is up for re-election. The General Assembly has approved two changes to the City of Seaford charter: the deadline to file for candidacy to the Last Friday in February; the hours of the election will be from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at City Hall. The deadline to register to vote remains the last Friday in March.



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A message from the desk of



Mayor David Genshaw

We are about to witness what I believe will be the rebirth of Seaford's downtown as construction begins at The Residences at Riverplace apartments. This will bring additional opportunities for business growth, both large and small. It's exciting to see this project finally begin; I will ask for forgiveness and patience as these improvements take place.

As we prepare for the retirement of our Chief of Police, I want to say thank you to Gary Morris for his service to the people of Seaford. Through dedication, hard work and successful police work, Gary rose to the highest position at Seaford PD. He led this department through an ever-changing environment with limited funds to support needed changes and improvements and was diligent finding grant money to provide the equipment needed by our men and women in uniform. Again, my sincere thanks to Gary for his service and contributions; I wish him well in the next chapter of his life.

I want to thank the residents and business owners who came out to vote in support of our solar array (renewable energy generation) project. This will help Seaford meet the state requirements for green energy as well as off-set city energy costs. Your trust in and support of this project is greatly appreciated.

City Council and I continue look for ways to make local government faster, better and more cost-effective. In collaboration with our administrative leadership, there are several projects we are working on to make this happen. Everything we do is to help make Seaford better today and into the future for both residents and businesses.

Thank you for your investment in Seaford!



Come to “First Saturday” in Seaford!

The Greater Seaford Chamber of Commerce, with the support of the City of Seaford, will host the “First Saturday in Seaford” event on Saturday, November 7 and December 5 from noon to 5 p.m. in the lot behind

City Hall.

Participating local vendors include Sweet Serenity Chocolates, Eagle Wingz, 3rd Wave Brewery, The Frozen Farmer and Fenwick Wine Cellars as well as produce, artisans and craft vendors. There will also be entertainment provided by Seaford’s own “The Runner Ups.”

Bring the family and have a good time! We hope to see you there!



Downtown Seaford Association to host Halloween parade & party

Dress up, come have fun! The Downtown Seaford Association will sponsor its annual Halloween Parade and Party on Wednesday, October 28.

Line up for the parade will begin at 6:15 p.m. at Cedar Ave & High Street; the parade will step-off at 7 p.m. and end at the Seaford Fire Hall. Individuals must be in costume to participate; ages newborn to adult may enter. There will be a costume contest and goodies at the party, with trophies being awarded to costume winners.

Although the parade will be canceled if it rains, the party and costume contest will still take place at the Seaford Fire Hall at 7 p.m.



Trick or Treat on October 31

“Trick or Treat” will be held on October 31, 6 to 8 p.m. (The City of Seaford always holds Trick or Treat on October 31, regardless of the day of the week on which it falls.) Children ages 12 and under are welcome to participate.

To keep your little ones safe and make the event enjoyable for everyone, here are a few helpful tips:

- Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Adults should plan a route in advance.
- Be sure a child's mask allows full visibility and breathing.
- Only “Trick or Treat” at homes that are well lit; walk in well-lit areas.
- Costumes should be flame-retardant and allow children to walk freely without tripping.
- Extra care should be taken on streets and at crossings, especially at dusk and after dark.
- An adult should always examine Halloween treats before children eat them.



Friendly Reminders

- If an electric outage occurs, please call 629-4550
- Snow & ice should be removed from the sidewalks/ curbing in front of or adjacent to your property within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling.
- 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.

22ND ANNUAL CAROLING IN THE PARK – NOVEMBER 30

Upcoming
Sign-Ups for
Winter Sports

The Gateway Park Committee and the City of Seaford will be hosting the 22nd Annual Caroling in the Park Celebration on Monday, November 30 at 7 p.m. in Gateway Park (rain date Friday, December 4.) This long standing event is a great way for you and your family to bring in the holiday season! Rumor has it there may even be a visit from Santa himself!

Girls/Boys
Basketball
Ages 6-13,
Cost \$35;
Deadline

The Gateway Park Committee has been dedicated to ensuring a festive holiday season for Seaford residents by decorating the park for over two decades. The Community Christmas Tree will be erected and decorated on November 18 but will not be lit until November 30.



November 20

For individuals who would like to support the event, a “silver bell” ornament in honor or in memory of loved ones may be purchased. Those bells are available for \$5, \$10 and \$15, depending on size. Again this year, with the purchase of a bell, you will receive a set of Holiday Specs, while supplies last. They are 3D glasses that magically change the lights on the tree. Ornament sponsors are encouraged to place their bell on the tree during the lighting ceremony or may elect to have it placed on the tree in advance.

Jr. Jordan
Basketball Clinic
Boys/Girls
Ages 5-7
Cost \$10;
Deadline
December 18

Mayor Genshaw supports Community Food Drive

Mayor David Genshaw, in partnership with the Community Food Closet located at St. John’s United Methodist Church and Seaford-Blades Associated Charities, Inc., is pleased to announce a community food drive to serve local families in need this holiday season. He is asking our community to support this worthy cause.



A copy of child’s
birth certificate is
needed to register.

Beginning Thursday, October 1 through Friday, December 11, collection boxes will be in City Hall for the collection of non-perishable, non-expired food items. The donated items will be given to the agencies above for distribution to those in need in the Seaford area.

Contact the
Recreation Office
at 302-629-6809
for more
information.

Collection boxes will also be available at this year’s Caroling in the Park event on Monday, November 30. As you come out for an evening of festive cheer, please remember those less fortunate; bring a food item and help make someone’s holiday season a little brighter.



Downtown Seaford Christmas Parade set for December 5

“Seaford Christmas 1865—2015” is the theme of Seaford’s 2015 Christmas Parade, scheduled for Saturday, December 5; caroling will begin at 6 p.m. at City Hall steps & the Seaford Museum.

The parade begins at 7 p.m. at the corner of Nylon Boulevard and Pennsylvania Avenue, marches east up High Street past the judge’s stand at the Mt. Olivet parking lot, turns north (left) onto Market Street and ends at Seaford Middle School.

Recognized as the largest Christmas parade on Delmarva, we are sure you won’t be disappointed! Bring a chair or a blanket (or both!) and your friends for a cheery, enchanting evening! *Rain date: Sunday, December 6, 7 p.m.* To sign up as an entry in the Christmas parade, go to www.mychristmasparade.com.

2015 HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Mayor David Genshaw announces the 2015 Holiday Decorating Contest for the City of Seaford. All residents within the corporate limits of the City, are encouraged to put out their best or favorite decorations and compete for cash prizes.



The prizes are \$100 for first place, \$75 for second place, and \$50 for third place. Let’s light up the skies of our community and make this a joyous occasion for all our residents.

There is no fee, or registration to participate. All residents who decorate the exterior of their homes are eligible to win. The Holiday Decorating Committee will tour the City of Seaford during the evenings of December 14 thru December 18 and will select three participants to win.

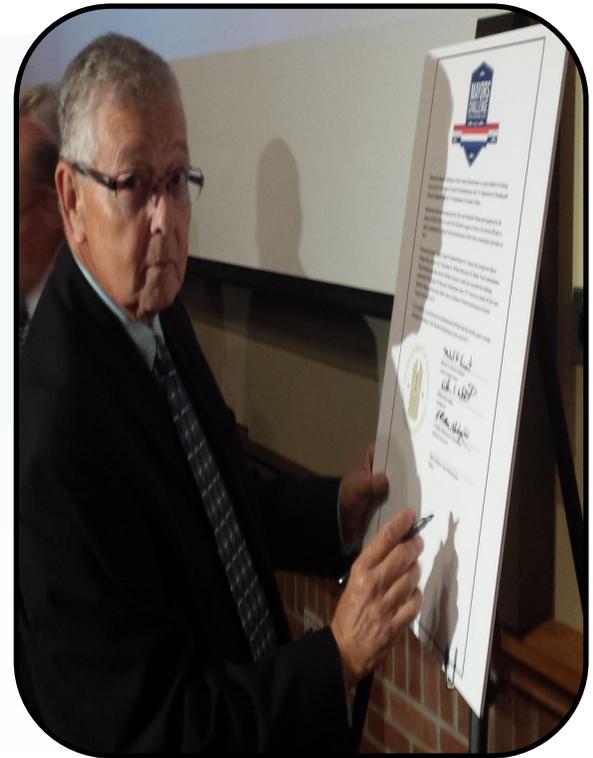
Those residents will be notified by the Mayor, and the awards will be presented at the Regular City Council Meeting of January 12, 2016.

Seaford Joins Mayor's Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness in 2015

The Sussex County Symposium on Veteran Homelessness was held Thursday, August 13, 2015, at Delaware Technical Community College, Owens Campus in Georgetown. During this important gathering, community leaders and concerned citizens came together to share ideas and work toward solutions on ending homelessness among the estimated 50,000 veterans nationwide.

On behalf of Mayor David Genshaw, Councilman Bill Mulvaney, along with Sussex County officials, the Town of Georgetown and other communities signed the "Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness in 2015."

The Mayor's Challenge is a nationwide effort to coordinate and marshal resources among local, state, federal and non-profit agencies - all with the singular goal of assisting homeless veterans with housing. This is a joint initiative of Joining Forces, the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, as well as communities in Delaware.



Seaford School District:

Blue Jay Pride Day & Homecoming Information

The annual Homecoming Parade will be held on Friday, October 30 with step-off at 6:00 p.m. at Pennsylvania Ave and Nylon Blvd. Bring the family out to view the class floats and cheer for the football team.

The first annual Blue Jay Pride Day will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at the Seaford High School cafeteria. Bring the entire family to learn about and celebrate our community and schools! There will be food, demonstrations, musical performances and fun! For more information, please contact the Seaford School District at 302-629-4587.



Seaford announces the winner of its Storm Preparation Ambient Radio Raffle

Congratulations Patricia D. Speight for winning the City's 2015 Storm Preparation Ambient Radio Raffle!

This radio raffle is part of Seaford's Storm Preparation Education campaign to teach its citizens about how to prepare and stay safe during electric storms, tornadoes, and hurricanes. An informational display at City Hall provided an opportunity for the public to learn more about this important message because preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy. Preparing for an emergency includes customers staying informed; the city cautions that all storms should be taken seriously, and the public should take appropriate action for each type of storm.

While power outages may not always be unavoidable, your Seaford electric utility crew prepares year-round to keep the lights on, especially during storm season. Seaford proactively works to mitigate outages versus reacting to them by focusing on system improvements which positions the community to be prepared for inclement weather and storms.

System improvements are identified by performing regular inspections of the grid and equipment, testing of systems and substations and prudent tree trimming to prevent outages due to downed tree limbs. Your public power utility recognizes that stewardship of utility assets is essential in ensuring system reliability and performance not only during storm season but for the long term.

To learn more about preparing for storm season, visit the Delaware Municipal Electric Corporation (DEMEC) website www.demecinc.net

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, Lewes, Middletown, Milford, New Castle, Newark, Seaford and Smyrna. Collectively, they serve over 100,000 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.



Pictured L to r: Dolores Slatcher, City Manager; Patricia D. Speight, Seaford raffle winner; Grace S. Peterson; Councilwoman; David Genshaw, Mayor.

Leaf Machine Information

The City of Seaford Public Works Department will operate the leaf machine from October 1 - December 31. At that time, leaves may be raked into the street and do not need to be bagged. The leaf machine will go around weekly to pick up the leaves beginning on the west side of the City and work east.

Please separate your limbs and larger debris as the leaf machine will be unable to pick up these items. After the December 31 deadline, all leaves must be bagged and placed at the curb in 15-gallon or smaller trash bags.



Do you need a Priority Electric Reconnection?

The City of Seaford offers a service to any individual(s) who require a priority reconnection of electric in their residence when the city experiences a power outage. Forms to request and verify this need can be obtained from Wendy Pinkine, Code Department, at the city's main office at 414 High Street. **The form needs to be filled out completely, including the signature from a physician, and returned to the City office or mailed back in to the address on the form.**

The residence will then be included on the city's priority reconnection list for any future outages. In the case of a power outage, the city first restores power to the circuits which serve medical facilities and then restores power to the circuits which serve customers on the priority reconnection list.

If an individual's phone number changes or if one moves to another residence, please contact the city office so files can be updated.

You may call Wendy Pinkine at 302-629-9173 or Bill Bennett, Superintendent of Electric, at 302-629-9841 if you have any questions regarding this information.



Protecting Your Property from Flood Damage

Seaford's Flood Hazard: Seaford is in a fairly good situation with regard to the elevations subject to flooding. On the banks of the Nanticoke River, the range is from eight (8) feet above sea level to 30 feet above sea level. These elevations place very few properties in the flood zone.

Flood Warning System: Unique local factors make it especially important that residents and businesses be aware of local flood warnings. During extreme conditions, the bridge at Blades Causeway could cause some inconvenience to persons living south of the Nanticoke River. When flooding threatens the area, tune to the following media sources for information:

Radio: FM Stations: 92.5, 92.7, 93.5, 95.3, 95.9, 97.1, 97.5, 97.7, 98.5, 98.9, 99.9, 101.3, 103.5, 103.9, 105.9.

AM Stations: 930, 960, 1320, 1470.

TV Stations: WBOC 16, FOX 21, WMDT 47.

or Online: www.wbc.com

delaware.newszap.com/sussexcountypost

www.seafordstar.com



Also, the NOAA weather radios are a good source of flood hazard information. Most importantly, listen for and act on official warnings issued by the City.

Protecting Your Property from Flood Damage (continued)

Flood Safety: There are several steps you can take in order to increase your personal safety and protect your property if Seaford is hit by a severe flood. Shut off your electricity and gas prior to evacuation. This greatly reduces the chance of fire. The Delaware Dept. of Transportation warns that driving in water which is six (6) inches or deeper is hazardous. When water obscures the road surface, flood induced cracks, holes and undermining can be deadly.

Flood Insurance: The City of Seaford participates in the National Flood Insurance Program. In exchange for the flood hazard reduction codes enforced by the City, affordable flood insurance is available to all residents within the community.

Homeowner's insurance does NOT cover flood damage. Flood insurance may be purchased from a number of local agents and structure and/or content coverage may be tailored to your needs. If you are in a flood zone and do not have flood insurance, FEMA will not pay for any damages in the event of a catastrophe.

Property Protection: Store loose ground level objects on elevated decks or porches. Consider replacing damaged steps, boardwalks or sheds with types that can be adequately anchored or elevated for safety. Your automobile is at great risk if you leave it in the city during a flood. Examine your home or business frequently for signs of stresses which may indicate an increased vulnerability. Are foundations rotting or cracking? Are pile-to-joist connections pulling apart? Does your home have hurricane clips that are in good shape? By finding signs of weakness before the storm hits, you may be able to avoid major problems. If you are experiencing flood damage to your property, the City Building Official can suggest ways to prevent it.

Permit Procedure: Please remember that all development in Seaford requires a Building Permit which can be obtained at City Hall. By doing this, you ensure that the proposed work will conform to the local Building Code and be properly designed to resist flood damage. *For additional information on the Community Flood Hazard Areas, see more information filed at the Seaford District Library or stop by City Hall.*

Flood Hazard Zones: The City of Seaford provides many services which can help you design a flood resistant structure or reduce the threat to an existing one. The key is to know the base flood elevation on your site. Seaford's Building Official has up to date floodplain maps. As the Floodplain Coordinator for the community, the Building Official can locate your property on the Flood Insurance Rate Map and provide a Flood Zone Determination. The Building Official can also advise you on how to minimize flood risk. The City also has copies of Elevation Certificates for some properties in the floodplain.

Drainage Maintenance: A City as low and as flat as Seaford is going to have drainage problems by its very nature. Please be aware that additional construction will lead to excessive ponding of water. The streets can become dangerous when standing water causes loss of traction to drivers. You can assist in resolving this potential problem by locating catch basins on or around your property. Check them periodically. Assist in keeping debris off of them and report any problems that you observe.

Making Improvements to Your Property: One of the primary objectives of floodplain Building Codes is to reduce flood damage. For this reason, older flood prone buildings must be brought up to current flood protection standards if and when a substantial improvement is undertaken.

Please contact Josh Littleton, the City Building Official, at 302-629-9173 with any questions.

For more information regarding floods, visit the Federal Emergency Management Agency website www.fema.gov or at www.floodsmart.gov.

Congratulations Blake Chaffinch ~ 25 years!

Blake Chaffinch joined the City of Seaford family on August 20, 1990 as a ground man in the Electric Department. He then progressed up the ranks to a lead journey man in 1994, learning the City's electrical system and how it operated.

In November of 1995 he was promoted to technical coordinator and given many additional tasks. Blake was responsible for wiring meter cabinets on commercial and industrial applications and for the testing of all meters on the city's electrical system. He also helped maintain and update the SCADA system that monitors our electrical, water and wastewater systems within the city.

In 2003 Blake was instrumental in helping to install the fiber optic loop around the city, which provided connection between all of the electric substations, water towers, water pump stations and wastewater lift station throughout the entire city infrastructure. This connection is vital to ensure all of these systems are operating correctly; the department also can operate breakers in its substation to switch loads and restore power from our SCADA room in a safe manner.

Blake has three children and four stepchildren with his wife Robin. He also has been involved actively in the community with the Seaford Volunteer Fire Department; with 25 years of service to SVFD, he is a life member.

Thank you, Blake, for your dedication and commitment to the City and for providing reliable electric service to our community.



Congratulations Tommy Lee ~ 25 years!

Tommy Lee began his career with the City of Seaford Police Department in September 1990, at which time he went to the Delaware State Police Training Academy. Upon graduation, he began working as a Patrol Officer.

During the ensuing years, Tommy advanced in the departmental ranks and was promoted to Sergeant, Squad Supervisor in July 2000. In July of 2007 Sgt. Lee was moved to Supervisor of the Criminal Investigation Division, the role in which he continues to serve. Sgt. Lee has been responsible for the closure of many high profile cases.

Sgt. Lee and his wife, Sandy, have one son, Scott. In Sgt. Lee's spare time, he enjoys hunting, golfing and woodworking, making numerous duck and goose calls.

Thank you, Tommy, for your dedication and commitment to the City and for providing safety for all of the citizens of our community.



Congratulations Jeanne Sapp ~ 25 years!

In July 1990, Jeanne Sapp accepted a temporary work assignment through an employment agency as a cashier in the Administration Department for the City of Seaford. On December 17 of that same year, she began her full-time career with the city.

Initially, Jeanne performed cashiering duties and had responsibility for bad debt collections and disconnection of delinquent customers. She received a promotion in 1995 and began processing miscellaneous A/R billing in addition to her other duties. A promotion to billing representative followed in 1998, and she continues to serve in that capacity today.

As the billing representative, Jeanne is responsible for the processing of service work orders, billing of electric, water and sewer utilities, and general customer service to the public. She also serves as secretary to the Electric Committee and prepares the minutes of the meetings.

During her employment with Seaford, Jeanne has been instrumental in assisting staff during several computer system conversions, manual to electronic meter reading conversions, and manual to automated work order systems.

In her spare time, Jeanne enjoys riding her motorcycle, volunteering as a Greenwood firefighter, and spending time with her family. Jeanne is married to David, and they have two daughters, Lindsay and Nicole.

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



Congratulations Lisa Gillespie ~ 25 years!

Lisa Gillespie, Public Works Operations Coordinator, was hired on September 4, 1990. She started work in the City's Summer Youth Program, which was effective in the 1980s and early 1990s.

During her career, Lisa has worked for three superintendents, one Director of Public Works and with numerous fellow Public Works employees. She holds a Delaware Water Operators License and continues to attend numerous training classes to remain current on best practices for the public works operations. In her current role, she is the direct responsible supervisor for assigning work and overseeing the daily operations for streets, water, and the sewer collector systems.

Lisa is and always has been a valued member of the department. Most public comments are "Who is that girl working with Public Works? She sure outworks the men." She has a strong work ethic and is a very loyal employee.

As a 24-hour, seven-day employee, Lisa responds frequently to call-outs even though it is not her week for standby. Her knowledge of the City's water and sewer collector systems is invaluable, and she often can be found "in the hole" when something is being repaired, especially if the work becomes difficult.

Since becoming operations coordinator, Lisa has had a very important role in helping to create and implement a new vision for the Public Works department. The department has become much more knowledgeable, efficient, and self-sustaining with her guidance and over-sight. Lisa has advanced her roles through the past 25 years by wanting to be part of the bigger picture and contributing her all to her job.

Lisa enjoys spending time with her two dogs and riding her motorcycle in her spare time. She also enjoys following the Washington Redskins and the Baltimore Orioles, whether they are winning or losing.

Thank you, Lisa, for your dedication and commitment to the city. You have provided excellent service to our community in a variety of ways during your career.



Congratulations Charles Anderson ~ 25 years!

Charles Anderson, Asst. City Manager, was hired by the City of Seaford on September 10, 1990 to be its building inspector. He was previously employed by Concrete Building Systems in Delmar, Delaware as a draftsman. Charles held an Associate Degree in Engineering from Delaware Tech when hired; since then, he has obtained his bachelor's degree from the University of Delaware and his master's degree from Wilmington University.

Early in his career as a building inspector, Charles received his certification from the Southern Building Code Congress International, Inc. after passing an intensive test. Moving forward, he has served as Building Official, Director of Operations and now as Seaford's Assistant City Manager.

Throughout his tenure Charles has continued his training and taking courses to keep him current in personnel laws and practices, public works operations, DNREC rules and regulations for water and wastewater operations. He was appointed by Governor Markell to serve as a committee member on the Water and Wastewater Advisory Council. An integral part of our economic development team, he oversees the Economic Development and Information Technology division and Code Department. As part of his responsibilities, he is also a 24-hour, seven-day a week employee who has to respond to certain emergency call-outs when an event disrupts services to our community or due to the emergency engages additional resources across departments to complete the tasks.

Charles lives in the City of Seaford with his wife, Laurie, and son, Tyler. He also has a step-daughter, Nicole, and four grandchildren. He spends his personal time enjoying his family and doing things together like dining out and going to the movies. Until recently you could find him on their boat, but due to lack of time to enjoy it, the boat was sold last year. He is now enjoying his new activity, golf.

A very valuable member of the management team, Charles continues to take advantage of opportunities to hone his skills, learn new information, and work as a team member in all capital improvement projects. In addition, he works with our elected officials and all department supervisors to assist them in any way he can.

Congratulations, Charles, on 25 years of dedicated service!



City of Seaford Receives Get Certified Award

Members of the City of Seaford Code Department were recognized at a recent Council meeting on August 11 for their recent attainment of the "Get Certified Award" sponsored by the International Code Council and Target Property Development. Building Official Josh Littleton and Code Inspector Mike Bailey recently completed their ICC (International Code Council) certification individually, thereby making the City eligible for the award.

Becoming ICC certified means professionals have demonstrated their code knowledge and skills, as well as their ability to apply those skills on the job. Departments with one hundred percent ICC-certified staff demonstrate their commitment to protecting the public health, safety, and welfare of the people who live and work in their community. This achievement also recognizes their commitment to excellence in the industry and advancing their careers through education. The City of Seaford Mayor & Council, Management and co-workers congratulate them on a job well done and thank them for their level of commitment to our community.



Congratulations Gary W. Morris ~ Retirement

Chief Gary Morris was hired by the City of Seaford on October 3, 1977. He then attended and graduated from the Delaware State Police Academy. Upon his return from the Academy, he completed field training and went on patrol.

During his years of employment with SPD, Chief Morris rose from the rank of Patrolman to Chief of Police, serving in patrol, detective division, and as one of the key administrative officers prior to becoming chief. He was also the City's first McGruff, the Crime Dog Mascot, doing activities in our elementary schools and at-large. He also served three prior Chiefs of Police - Norman Griffith, Charles R. (Bob) Miller and Richard Pounsberry.

Chief Morris has seen many changes in the department and in the community, from the crack cocaine being the street drug of choice in the 80s to the current prevalence of heroin use in our area. The last PD project he oversaw for the City was the generator replacement to operate the entire building versus partial power with the old one. This is no small responsibility given a 24-hour a day, seven days a week operation with the responsibility to dispatch police, fire, EMS, EMTs and City utilities. He was a member of numerous regional and local law enforcement associations and has served several years on the MAGLOCLEN Middle Atlantic-Great Lakes Organized Crime Law Enforcement Network, which is a national policing organization.

As Chief of Police, the enormous responsibilities include the sworn police officers and their actions, the 911 Center and its dispatchers, and the civilian administrative staff. It's been his job to ensure that all personnel, including him, remain accredited and sustain their credentials in order to continue to serve in their respective positions. There is a tremendous amount of training that constantly occurs for personnel in this department. The Chief also has to work within the Officer's Bill of Rights to assure any actions taken with the sworn officers are in keeping with State law.

In addition to being overall responsible for department personnel, the Chief bears responsibility for the safety of the entire community. One notable experience for Chief Morris was maintaining calm in the wake of protests by the Westboro Baptist Church during the funerals of two of our favored sons who served their Nation, State, and Community and made the ultimate sacrifice. This was not an easy time for anyone in our community.

On a personal note, Chief Morris is married to Renee'. They have two daughters, Amy and Lindsay, a son-in-law Joshua, and five grandchildren. Chief Morris is an avid golfer, hunter, fisherman, and loves the outdoors. His family is extremely important to him. He visits with his sister, participates in activities with his two brothers and was the 2013 Morris Family Golf Champion. Renee' also keeps him busy attending Nanticoke Health Services Foundation events and carrying her Longaberger supplies; but mainly she keeps him competitively on his toes when it comes to trophies from the deer stand!

The City of Seaford appreciates Chief Morris's service and loyalty to our community. He will be missed greatly, especially for his steadiness and careful evaluation of situations so he can do what is best for the community, the elected officials, the City administration, his officers, and his civilian employees.



Congratulations Tim Scott ~ Retirement

Timothy "Tim" Scott
Tech III – Public Works
Retiree

Tim Scott, Tech III was hired as a Public Works Tech I on August 14, 2000. During his career he obtained his State of Delaware Water Operator's license and was advanced through the department to become a Tech III.

Tim was a versatile employee. He was one of our principal equipment operators, especially with the backhoe. Tim often was the person digging the hole and in very tight quarters at times. Throughout his career he would take standby for other employees who preferred not to have to be on standby. He too responded to emergency and weather related emergencies to fulfill the responsibilities and mission of the Public Works Department.

Tim's cooking for the Utility Building will surely be missed. He was often cooking breakfast early and lunch for those who did not leave the facilities. This was taken care of by him and contributions from fellow employees. In his spare time Tim enjoys going surf fishing, flying RC planes, and just enjoying life.

Tim only worked for us for 15 years but left a mark for his service and loyalty to the City. We congratulate Tim on his retirement and wish him the very best.



Rules for Rover

The City would like to remind residents about the ordinance referring to animal care and control. Pets can be loving and loyal friends that many consider to be like a family member. The basic guidelines are listed below:

All pets must be vaccinated for Rabies and proof of vaccination must be readily available.

No more than three dogs over the age of six (6) months shall be permitted in any dwelling unit.

Shade must be available to outdoor dogs at all times from sources other than the dog house.

The shelter or dog house shall be constructed to protect the dog from the weather.

Leashes are required for any dog not confined.

Please remember to clean up after your dog after it has taken care of its business.

No dog is permitted to run at large at any time.

Show your pet how much you care: provide it with what is needed for comfort and health; protect it from disease and other dangers. If you have any questions or would like further information about the ordinance, please contact Josh Littleton, Building Official, at 302-629-9173.

