

City of Seaford News



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

On Monday, October 3, 2016 at 7:15 pm the community is invited to join Nanticoke Cancer Care Services 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 this disease. Participants are encouraged to wear pink, and survivors will be given sashes sponsored by Spicer Bros. Construction, Inc. All participants 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 that will include opening remarks, a proclamation, a presentation from a featured speaker, and an inspirational performance by a soloist. For more information about the walk or help with scheduling a mammogram, call Fredeline Menard, Cancer Nurse Navigator, at 302-629-6611, ext. 3765.

During the month of October, Nanticoke Health Services will host several activities to promote breast cancer awareness including a Pink Ribbon Survivor's Tea on Friday, October 14, a bake sale on October 20, and the annual Bling the Bra contest. For a full calendar of events visit <http://goo.gl/eiyvuu>.

Nanticoke Cancer Center Services and the Mammography Team at Nanticoke would like 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 symptoms are present. Nanticoke now offers 3D mammograms which provide increased accuracy and lead to fewer callbacks. Please remember to schedule your mammogram, and remind all women in your life to get their mammogram!

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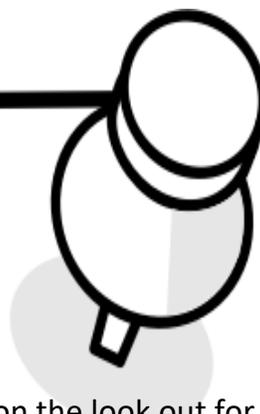
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Mayor David Genshaw

In my last message I said to be on the look out for changes to our Riverfront and downtown. Well, it is here! The Residences at Riverplace are going up with hope of residents moving in by the end of February. Nanticoke Health Services is completing its work on what most of us know as the old Miller Furniture building, and it looks great. Linda Vista Real Estate just celebrated its 1 year anniversary and are very happy to be downtown. I am thankful that other small businesses have lead the way. Please continue to support them. With this increased activity, interest in business opportunities downtown continues to grow. We are all on board to help make this happen.

The Seaford Police Dept. has made an impact in our community by building relationships and making its presence known. Today more than ever, the community needs strong law enforcement, and our officers need the support of its community. I'd like to ask a favor. I know you appreciate having a local police department but if you could share your appreciation with them, it would mean more than you know. Sending a card or making a phone call to say thank you really means a a lot to these men and women in blue.

A big thank you to our faith-based community for the positive impact it is making in Seaford. Shift Destiny is going out to the people in need and making a difference. Gethsemane UMC chose to stay local this year with their mission team and have spent weekends cleaning up Soroptimist Park and painting underneath the Stein Highway railroad bridge. And there is Teen Challenge through its 12-month program there is an 86% success rate of removing men from their addiction. They are making an impact with those who want help. We owe all of you a great thanks.

The City Council meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. I encourage you to come to the meetings and learn what is going on in Seaford.

Enjoy this beautiful fall season.

David Genshaw



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 26.

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 Monday, 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.

Be safe... Have fun!



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.

23RD ANNUAL CAROLING IN THE PARK – NOVEMBER 28

Upcoming

Sign-Ups for

Winter Sports

Co-Ed Basketball

Ages 6-13,

Cost \$40; Sign-ups

begin in October

Wrestling

Ages 6-12 (boys

and girls); Monday

nights at Seaford

Middle School;

6:30—8:00 p.m.

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

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

The Gateway Park Committee and the City of Seaford will be hosting the 23rd Annual Caroling in the Park Celebration on Monday, November 28 at 7 p.m. in Gateway Park (rain date Friday, December 2.)

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!

The Gateway Park Committee has been dedicated to ensuring a festive holiday season for Seaford residents by decorating the park for more than two decades. The Community Christmas Tree will be erected and decorated on November 17 but will not be lit until November 28. 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.



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.

Beginning Monday, October 3 through Friday, December 9, 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.

Collection boxes will also be available at this year's Caroling in the Park event on Monday, November 28. 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 3

“*A Candy Cane Christmas*” is the theme of Seaford’s 2016 Christmas Parade, scheduled for Saturday, December 3; 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 4, 7 p.m.* To sign up as an entry in the Christmas parade, go to www.mychristmasparade.com.

2016 HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST

Mayor David Genshaw has announced the 2016 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 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 12 through December 16 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 10, 2017.



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 help clean out catch basins, if possible.

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.



Change of Hours

Starting on October 3, 2016, City offices will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. If there is a utility emergency, please call 302-629-4550. Payments can be placed in the drop box by the drive-thru window or on our Website, www.seafordde.com.

**PLEASE!!
NOTE**

Seaford School District

Homecoming and Blue Jay Pride Day

The annual Homecoming Parade will be held on Friday, October 7 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 second annual Blue Jay Pride Day will be held on Saturday, October 8 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.



The City of Seaford announces the winner of its Storm Preparation Ambient Radio Raffle

The City of Seaford congratulates Dr. Roberto Villasenor for winning the City's 2016 Storm Preparation Ambient Radio Raffle.

The 2016 Ambient Radio Raffle is part of the City of Seaford's Storm Preparation Education campaign to teach its citizens about how to prepare and stay safe during electric storms, tornadoes, and hurricanes. The city provided an informational display at City Hall 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, and the city cautions that all storms should be taken seriously. The public should take appropriate action for each type of storm.

While power outages may not always be unavoidable, your Seaford electric utility crew is preparing 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

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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, 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 Left from Right: David Genshaw, Seaford Mayor; Rick Garner, Electric Engineer; Bill Bennett, Superintendent of Electric; Dr. Roberto Villasenor, Seaford Raffle Winner; Dolores Slatcher, Seaford City Manager



**Public Power:
The Power of Community.
Powered by you. For you.**

Solar Array Project Underway

Work has started on the City of Seaford Solar Array. The array is a 643 KW AC system that will offset the energy used at the City of Seaford Wastewater facility. The Solar Array field is located at 8000 Herring Run Road next to the City of Seaford utility building. The system should be completed this fall and begin to produce electric.



Did You Know?



If you have an emergency after hours dealing with infrastructure, flooding or any other related issue, please call our after hours number at 302-629-4550 for assistance.

Spade and Trowel Garden Club

The Spade and Trowel Garden Club recently presented Mayor Genshaw with a recognition sign in appreciation of the City's continued support and participation in the plantings on two bridges and numerous business pots in Seaford.

Thank you to this dedicated group of individuals who continue to lend their "green hands" to keep our City beautiful!



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 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 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.

Please call 302-629-9173 if you have any questions regarding this information.



Congratulations Joseph Bowen—Retirement!

Sgt. Joseph W. Bowen was hired by the Seaford Police Department in July of 1993 and attended the City of Dover Police Department Training Academy.

He served with the Seaford Police Department for 20 years in many different positions. Hired as a patrolman, he came up through the ranks serving as a K9 officer, a bike officer, and was head of the Special Tactical and Response Team for many years executing high-level search warrants. He was promoted to Sgt. in 2002 and was the Sector Supervisor of C Shift until his retirement in June 2016.

During his career, Sgt. Bowen received many awards for his service with the department, including the esteemed Chief's Award in 2014 and again in 2016.

Prior to his service with the City, he served in the US Army at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, as a Specialist E-4.

Thank you, Joe, for your dedication and commitment to the City; your work to keep Seaford's residents safe is greatly appreciated.



Congratulations Richard Jamison—Retirement!

Lt. Richard J. Jamison began his police career at Selbyville Police Department and was hired by the Seaford Police Department in 1997 as a patrolman.

He advanced through the ranks and he spent most of his career working in Criminal Investigation Division (CID). In July 2004 he was promoted to Sergeant in charge of that unit.

After Lt. Jamison's promotion to Lieutenant, he had responsibility overseeing the CID and other administrative duties until his retirement in September 2016.

Lt. Jamison received many awards for outstanding duty during his career, including the Employee of the Year Award in 2005 and the highly esteemed Chief's Award in 2006.

Thank you, Richard, for your dedication and commitment to the City and for providing a safe environment for the citizens of our community.



Congratulations Tommy Lee - Retirement !

Sgt. Thomas E. 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, Sgt. Lee advanced in the departmental ranks and was promoted to Sergeant, Squad Supervisor in July 2000. In July of 2007, he was moved to supervisor of the Criminal Investigations Division (CID), the role in which he continued to serve until his retirement in July 2016.

While working in the CID, Sgt. Lee was responsible for the closure of many high profile cases.

Thank you, Tommy, for your dedication and commitment for the City and helping to ensure the well-being of our community.

