



OUR TOWN



City Administrator's Message

Our Mayor often compares the City of Harrisburg to the fictional town of Mayberry. Mayberry was a quaint town, with a single stop light, little crime, and a high quality of life. I can see the similarities! One item which makes Harrisburg Mayberry-like is our attention to enforcing our nuisance ordinances in our municipal code. The municipal code contains the rules of the city. Examples of these rules are maintaining your yards, parking your cars the right way on the street, and keeping quiet during quiet hours. Of course, we recognize that not everyone follows the rules, and most of us probably don't even know all of the rules. So we at the City try and do our part to inform you if you are not following the rules, and ask that you start to follow them from now on. To inform you of a violation in the past, we have generally sent you a letter in the mail. This has been fairly effective, but does take some time for our initial response.

To increase efficiency in our response time, City staff will be handling first time nuisance offenses differently. We will be informing you of municipal code nuisance violations through door tags. For example, if we notice that your grass is getting a little too long, we will simply stop and put a tag on your door. We will take a picture of the tag for our records and you will have 10 days in which to correct the violation. If the violation is not corrected, we will proceed with additional enforcement. Our hope in changing the way we handle nuisance code violations is that we will improve our communication with our citizens, and ultimately resolve the violations faster. We live and work in a great community. Let's all do our part to keep it that way, and preserve the Mayor's words that "Harrisburg is like Mayberry!"

Brian Latta

Free Living Well Workshop

'Living Well with Chronic Conditions' is a free six-week workshop that teaches practical skills for living a happy and healthy life with an on-going health condition. This workshop will teach you how to break out of the cycle of your chronic condition, learn to manage it, and begin Living Well.



The workshop will be held on Wednesdays, May 20 through June 24, from 5:30 – 8 p.m. at the Justice Center, 354 Smith Street in Harrisburg. It is free, fun and interactive. Also, attendees will receive a free copy of the book "Living a



Healthy Life with Chronic Conditions" that covers self-management of heart disease, arthritis, diabetes, asthma, bronchitis, emphysema, and other chronic diseases.

The class is being offered by Samaritan Health Services, and is sponsored by the H.A.R.T. Family Resource Center. Pre-registration is required. To register or for more information, call the H.A.R.T. Center, 541-995-7700 or Samaritan Health Services, 541- 768-6070.

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Did You Know...Water Heater Maintenance

Did you know that in order to keep your water heater running properly, and efficiently, regular maintenance needs to be performed. Maintenance procedures are outlined in the manufactures literature that is supplied with your water heater when it is purchased. However, water heater maintenance is often overlooked.

As water is pumped into your water heater; tank dirt, sediment and various minerals settle on the bottom. Depending on your water quality these extra "ingredients" can add up rather quickly robbing your water heater's efficiency and costing you in the long run. If left unchecked they can not only make your water heater work harder but also allow your tank to rust and slowly be eaten away until you need to replace the entire unit which is very costly yet easily preventable.



Since the City of Harrisburg's well water contains large amounts of suspended solids and minerals, it is recommend that you drain your hot water heater no less than annually according to your specific water heater manufactures instructions. Doing simple and small maintenance to all your appliances on a yearly basis will improve the performance and longevity of your appliances. And it will save you \$\$\$.

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New Sweeper!

"I only needed three things in my career with the City to keep me going: fuel in my tank, air in my tires, and an operator at my wheel." —Sweepie!



We say goodbye and Happy Retirement. In your many, many years of service to our community you did a great job cleaning our streets and beautifying our City. Our confidence is high in your replacement to provide superior service to the City.



Meet the new and improved Red Sweepie! Red Sweepie will be visiting your streets soon, so keep an eye out, and give a wave to its operator.

Spring Clothing and Toy Swap

The H.A.R.T. Co-op Preschool is hosting its third Spring Clothing and Toy Swap on Saturday, May 16, 10 am – 4 pm at the Justice Center, 354 Smith St.

Come pick out clothes, toys, games, movies, household goods, and more, all in gently used condition. We have sizes from baby to adult. Everything is FREE. Everyone is welcome!

Donations are welcome any time before May 15. All donations must be in good condition – no holes, stains, broken or missing parts. Drop off donations at the H.A.R.T. Preschool or at the H.A.R.T. Center, 354 Smith Street.

