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HARRISVILLE CITY'S NEWSLETTER

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Join us for City Council Meeting held the 2^{nd} and 4^{th} Tuesday of the month at 7pm.

Mayor's Message

Be thankful!

We live in a great community and I am grateful for that. During this Thanksgiving time of year many take the opportunity to reflect upon the many things we are blessed with.

Gratitude is a sign of maturity. Where there is appreciation, there is also courtesy and concern for the rights and property of others. Without these,



there is arrogance and evil. Where there is gratitude, there is humility instead of pride, generosity rather than selfishness.

Many selfish, arrogant, and usually miserable people in this world walk without gratitude. Perhaps they do so because

they do not fully realize all they have to be thankful for. Please take the time, especially during this time of year to enumerate some of the blessings common to all of us.

Sometimes I contemplate the wonders of the age in which we live. More inventions and scientific discoveries have been made during the last 100 years than in all the previous centuries of human history combined.

I am grateful for this remarkable land. Many have fought and died for the freedoms and liberties we all enjoy. While burying a dead comrade, General George Washington said almost in bitterness, "This liberty will look easy by and by when nobody dies to get it." I feel tremendous gratitude for the many thousands throughout history who have given their lives in freedom's cause.

I am grateful for the beauty age. We wear on our faces the results of what we believe and how we behave, and such behavior is more evident in the eyes and on the faces of those who have lived many years. I am thankful for all the teachers in my life, many who have passed on. I wish I could somehow

take the opportunity to gives thanks for the many things they have taught me, and are teaching me, expressly and by their example. I am thankful for the beauty that comes with age and perspective and increased understanding.

The First Amendment to our Constitution states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof;... It is interesting to me that this is the first item on the bill of liberties demanded by the people of our fledgling nation. It seems there is constant threat of the heavy hand of government against religion.

And finally, how grateful I am for life, for the feeling of purpose, for opportunities to serve, for freedom to move about as I please, and for living in this remarkable age. We are a blessed people, for which we ought to express gratitude and then show the depth of that gratitude by the goodness and measure of our lives.

Don't let life pass you by, be grateful and look for opportunities to help your family and your neighbor!

—Mayor Bruce Richins

FALL CLEAN-UP

Oct. 31- Nov. 4

Once again Harrisville City will be offering the opportunity to clean-up yards and neighborhoods throughout the city. Two waste containers will be located at the main park; one for garbage and one for green waste. No hazardous waste or construction debris will be accepted. Please plan ahead to utilize this opportunity. Thanks for doing your part to make Harrisville City a wonderful place to live.



Winter Parking

Winter is near! Please remember the winter parking ordinance begins November 1st and remains in effect until April 1st with no parking on city streets between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Adhering to the parking

ordinance helps our Public Works Dept. keep our streets clear and safe during winter months. Remember, vehicles parked on the road during or after a snow storm impede snow plowing and may be towed at the owner's expense. Home owners are responsible to remove snow from sidewalks in front of their home and private driveways. Although it can be inconvenient to remove snow pushed in front of driveways by the snow plows, our drivers cannot prevent this. Please avoid pushing/ shoveling snow back into the roadway after it has been plowed. Everyone will enjoy the winter season more by working together and lending a hand to those who need help removing the snow. Thanks for your cooperation!

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SEWER BACKUP INFORMATION

How to prevent a backup: taking notice of what is flushed down toilets and sinks can prevent most backups. DO NOT flush the following materials (or similar items) down toilets/drains. These items can plug the main and cause damage to you and other property owners connected to the main.

- Large quantities of toilet paper
- Paper towels
- Feminine napkins
- Disposable diapers
- Clothing socks, underwear...
- Plastic, metal, wood, etc.
- Large quantities of cereals or grains (they can swell with water)
- Live seeds, beans, and peas (they may sprout) Grease, fats, oils
- Sand
- Fibrous materials (cotton balls, hair, rags, cigarette butts...)
- Sponges, scouring pads If a backup occurs: first take action to protect people and valuable property. You may call the city or special service district, and as a service we'll check the main sewer. Any blockages found in the main lines will be promptly cleared. If the main line is not blocked, we recommend that you call a plumbing or sewer contractor to check your lateral line. Maintenance and repair of the lateral serving the home is the owner's responsibility. Regardless of the location of the blockage, clean up of the home should be done as soon as possible to minimize damage and possible negative health effects. There are qualified local businesses that specialize in this type of clean up.