

From The Desk of the Town Manager Rebecca L. Greene December 19, 2016

## 2017 Council Election – Filing Deadline is January 19, 2017

There are three Council positions available each having a three year term. To be qualified to run for Felton Town Council you must be 21 years of age, be a citizen of the United States, have been a bona fide resident of the Town of Felton for one year prior to election day and have never been convicted of a felony or crime of moral turpitude.

To declare candidacy submit a signed and dated letter requesting that your name be added to the 2017 Council Election ballot with a Town of Felton Affidavit of Qualification (available at Town Hall, by mail, fax or email) and State Campaign Finance Certification of Intention Form (also available at Town Hall or online at <u>www.elections.delaware.gov</u>).

**General Up-Dates** 

- Delinquent tax statements will be mailed the second week of January.
- Town Hall hours are Monday thru Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm.
- The Town offers a discount to Senior Citizens for their property taxes. You must be 65 years old by June 30<sup>th</sup>, the property must be your primary residence and your name must be on the deed. If you are eligible please bring your driver's license to Town Hall by May 31, 2017 to receive the discount. The discount last year was 50%.
- If you call Town Hall with a complaint please make sure that you are able to provide the address of the location.

Public Works Up-Dates

- Please make sure that your trash cans are taken from the curb by the next morning after the trash has been removed.
- The Town will be picking up Christmas trees on January 4<sup>th</sup> and 5th. These are the only days for pick up. The trees have to be at the curb.
- You have 24 hours to clear your sidewalks of snow after it stops snowing.
- Please make sure to have all vehicles off of the road during snow so that Public Works is able to plow the road properly.
- A 2017 Trash Schedule is enclosed with this newsletter.

Police Up-Dates

- All passengers in a vehicle need to be in seat belts or child restraints.
- Parking on sidewalks is not allowed and is a fineable offense.
- Parking your vehicle on the street against the flow of traffic is a fineable offense.
- The Town has been receiving a lot of complaints about cars being parked on streets that are no parking streets. The officers will be issuing fines if called out to an area.
- Please keep your doors locked at all times.
- Secure your vehicles, even in your driveway.
- Please report any suspicious activity to 911. They will contact the Felton Police Department. It is best to call and report the activity while it is occurring.
- Please be aware when you are around the school or bus stops in Town and report any suspicious activity -- call 911.
- The Town has a juvenile curfew: under 16 years old between the hours of 10pm and 6am; 16 to 18 years old between the hours of midnight and 6am. This curfew does not apply when accompanied by an adult.

Utility Bills will be mailed out the first week of January. The bills will be due on February 10<sup>th</sup>. If the bill is not paid by the 10<sup>th</sup> of February, a \$25 late fee will be applied to the account. A delinquent letter will be sent out with a disconnect date on the letter, if the bill is not paid by the disconnect date on the letter an additional \$50 disconnect/reconnect fee will be added to the bill and the water will be shut off until payment has been made in full.

In 2017 our trash service will be moved to Thursday for four holidays:

Memorial Day	May 29th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 4th
Christmas Day	December 25th

## Dates to Remember

Jan. 2nd	New Years Day – Town Hall Closed
Jan. 3rd	Planning and Zoning Meeting – 6:30pm – Town Hall
Jan. 9th	Town Council Meeting – 6:30pm – Town Hall
Jan. 16th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Town Hall Closed
Feb. 7th	Planning and Zoning Meeting – 6:30pm – Town Hall
Feb. 13th	Town Council Meeting – 6:30pm – Town Hall
Feb. 20th	Presidents Day – Town Hall Closed
Mar. 7th	Planning and Zoning Meeting – 6:30pm – Town Hall
Mar. 13th	Town Council Meeting – 6:30pm – Town Hall

Planning and Zoning Meetings have a set date but will only occur if there are items for the agenda. If you are interested in attending a PZ meeting check our website to make sure there is a meeting.

You can also go onto our website **felton.delaware.gov** a week before our meetings and review a copy of the meeting agenda. The Town also has a page on Facebook with updates on what is going on in Town.

Please feel free to contact our office with any questions or concerns you may have regarding the Town of Felton.