



Town of Felton

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From The Desk of the Town Manager
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General Up-Dates

- Trash pick-up the week of July 3rd and September 4th will be on Thursday, due to the holiday at the beginning of the week.
- Tax statements will be mailed the first week of July. These bills are eligible for a 5% discount (already calculated on the statement) if the payment is received in Town Hall by August 15th.
- **Delinquent Taxes – The Towns procedure on delinquent taxes is that if you are past due two years on taxes the Town will Sheriff Sale the property. If a property goes up for Sheriff Sale by the Town that means we have extinguished all avenues to get the property owner to pay the bill, to include a payment plan. The Town would prefer not to have to sale anyone's property.**
- Swimming pools are not required to have a fence as long as the pool is over four feet tall and has a locking ladder or the ladder is removed when no adult is supervising the pool.
- In-ground pools are required to have a fence.
- When installing a swimming pool a building permit is required, please make sure you stop by Town Hall and get the proper paperwork.
- The quarterly trash fee will remain the same for FY18. The quarterly trash fee \$48. FY19 the fee will increase by 3%..
- If you would like an additional recycling container at no additional charge please contact Town Hall.
- **Enclosed is a flyer with information about our End of Summer Bash on August 23th.**
- **View the 2016 Consumer Confidence Report at <http://felton.delaware.gov/files/2015/03/2016-CCR.pdf> It can also be picked up at Town Hall or call us and we will mail or email you a copy of the report.**

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.
- If grass gets ten inches or above the Town will send out **one notification for the season** advising that the property is in violation of the Ordinance. If the grass is not cut the Town will cut the grass and charge the owner. The minimum charge for grass cutting is \$100. If the grass goes over ten inches again during the season the Town will automatically cut the grass.
- **Grass clippings are NOT to be placed on the street. The grass will go into the catch basins and cause a problem with the water flow through Town.**
- Property Maintenance – It is the responsibility of each property owner to maintain their property. This includes the lawn and buildings. Homes should have no broken windows and be secure. Sheds should also be able to be secured. The Town does not allow debris to be left in yards. If you have any questions about property maintenance please call Town Hall.

- **Indoor furniture outside is a violation of the Property Maintenance Code.**

Police Up-Dates

- All passengers in a vehicle need to be in seat belts or child restraints.
- **It is the responsibility of the pet owner to clean up after your pet while walking the pet.**
- The Town has been receiving complaints about barking dogs. Please contact Delaware Animal Control 302-255-4646 for their assistance.
- Cats are classified as free roaming animals in the State of Delaware and therefore the Town is not able to get involved with this type of issue.
- Juvenile (under 18 years old) Curfew is from 10:00pm to 6:00am. If a Juvenile is caught by the police without a valid reason for breaking curfew they will only be released to a parent.
- Please keep your doors and windows locked at all times.
- Secure your vehicles, even in your driveway.
- If you go away and would like your property checked daily by the Police Department come into Town Hall or go to the Town's website and fill out a Property Check Form.
- **Please make sure all dogs are either on a leash or restrained on your property. Dogs are not a free roaming animal in the State of Delaware. The owner is responsible for their pets at all times.**

Utility Bills will be mailed out the first week of July. The bills will be due on August 10th. If the bill is not paid by the 10th of August, 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. **It is the responsibility of the property owner to let the Town know if they have new tenants, as well as a correct mailing address for the tenant.**

Dates to Remember

July 3rd	Independence Day - Town Hall Closed
July 4th	Independence Day - Town Hall Closed
July 5th	Planning and Zoning Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall
July 6th	Trash Pick-Up (Regular/Recycle)
July 10th	Town Council Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall
Aug. 8th	Planning and Zoning Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall
Aug. 14th	Town Council Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall
August 23th	End of Summer Bash - 5:00pm to 8:00pm - Town Hall
Sept. 4th	Labor Day - Town Hall Closed
Sept. 5th	Planning and Zoning Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall
Sept. 7th	Trash Pick-Up (Regular)
Sept. 11th	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.