Town of Felton

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From The Desk of the Town Manager Rebecca L. Greene March 21, 2014

<u>2014 Council Election Date</u> The date of the Council Election has been moved to April 7, 2014. The Election will be held at Town Hall from Noon to 7:00pm. In order to vote at the Election you must be registered to vote with the State. The Town does have a list of registered voters, please call Town Hall if you would like to verify you are eligible to vote at the Council Election.

General Up-Dates

- Trash pick-up the week of May 26th will be on Thursday, due to the holiday on Monday.
- If you see a violation in the Town please make sure when you call Town Hall that you have the proper address.
- Above-ground 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 increase by \$2.73 per quarter. The new quarterly trash fee will be \$57.36. The increase will be effective July 1st.
- 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 of age by June 30th, 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 30, 2014 to receive the discount. The discount last year was 50%.

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 has been authorized to give out more than one recycle container per resident. Please contact Town Hall if you would like an additional container. There is no additional charge for the container.
- The Town has received several complaints about cats roaming the Town. If you feed a cat you are responsible for the cat.

- 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 blown/placed on the street. The grass will go into the catch basins and cause a problem with the water flow through Town.

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.
- Skateboarding is not allowed in the Town of Felton. Anyone who is caught skateboarding
 will have their boards taken and a parent will have to come to the Police Department to
 pick up the skateboard.
- Please do not allow children to play in the street.
- Children under the age of 18 are required to wear a helmet at all times while on a bicycle.
- Please keep your doors locked at all times.
- Secure your vehicles, even in your driveway.
- If you plan to travel this summer, please come into the Police Department and fill out a Property Check Form and the Police will monitor your property on a daily basis.
- 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.

Utility Bills will be mailed out the first week of April. The bills will be due on May 10th. If the bill is not paid by the 10th of May, 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.

Dates to Remember

April 7 th	Council Election - Noon to 7:00pm
April 8th	Planning and Zoning Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall
April 14th	Town Council Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall
April 18 th	Good Friday - Town Hall Closed
May 6th	Planning and Zoning Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall
May 10 th	Utility Bills Due
May 12th	Town Council Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall
May 26th	Memorial Day - Town Hall Closed
June 3rd	Planning and Zoning Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall
June 9th	Town Council Meeting - 6:30pm - Town Hall
July 4th	Independence Day - Town Hall Closed

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.