



# Town of Felton

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From The Desk of the Town Manager

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## General Up-Dates

- There were two seats open for Council and the only people who filed to run were both current members of the Council (Mayor David L. Kelley and Councilman Anthony Carroll). Mayor Kelley and Councilman Carroll will have their seats for another three years.
- Dollar General will be coming to Felton. They will be located at 369 Ludlow Lane. If all goes well the store will be open sometime in May.
- The Dover Post can now be picked up from the porch of Town Hall. The Post has provided us with a newspaper box and they place new papers in it twice a week.
- Felton Family Fun Day has been cancelled for May 19<sup>th</sup> due to lack of volunteers to help orchestrate the event. We are hoping to do some type of community activity at the end of the summer.
- Jefferson Street will be re-paved this summer. The Town was able to secure Transportation Funds for this project. It has taken three years to get all the money needed. The bid process for this project should begin the beginning of April.
- A couple of citizens have inquired as to why the Town does not accept Debit Cards for payment. The Town would be required to pay a monthly fee to offer this service. Anyone who would pay with a debit card would be required to pay a transaction fee to offset the monthly fee. Since we do not have that many people who request the service, the transaction fee would be \$5 to \$10 per citizen. It is not economically effective for the Town to offer this service.

## Public Works Up-Dates

- Grass cutting season is fast approaching us and the Town Ordinance requires grass to be kept less than ten inches. 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 then the Town will cut the grass and charge the owner. The minimum charge for grass cutting is \$100.
- 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.
- Now is the time for spring cleaning. Please make sure your property is within the Town's Property Maintenance Ordinance. No debris or abandoned vehicles on your property.
- Vehicles over 5,000 pounds are not permitted on any Town streets.
- Please make sure if you have a swimming pool that you have a fence. This is extremely important since Felton has such close neighborhoods. If the Town receives a complaint about a pool with no fence the owner will be required to put up a fence or remove the pool.

### Police Up-Dates

- 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.
- Make sure you secure all items you have outside, including grills, bicycles, etc..
- Please keep your doors locked at all times.
- Secure your vehicles, even in your driveway.
- Chief Brown would like to encourage residents to get to know their neighbors. It's important that residents know their neighbors and then everyone will be more aware if something suspicious is going on in the neighborhood.
- Try getting to know the parents of the children in your neighborhood. There are times that citizens will come to the Police Department with an issue regarding children but have made no attempt to contact the parents.

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

<b>April 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Planning and Zoning Meeting – 7pm – Town Hall</b>
<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Good Friday – Town Hall Closed</b>
<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Town Council Meeting – 7pm – Town Hall</b>
<b>May 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Planning and Zoning Meeting – 7pm – Town Hall</b>
<b>May 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Town Council Meeting – 7pm – Town Hall</b>
<b>May 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Memorial Day – Town Hall Closed</b>
<b>June 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Planning and Zoning Meeting – 7pm – Town Hall</b>
<b>June 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Town Council Meeting – 7pm – Town Hall</b>

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 is in the process of revising the website with the help of the State of Delaware GIS Office. We are updating our website weekly. 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.