

From The Desk of the Town Manager Rebecca L. Greene December 19, 2017

2018 Council Election – Filing Deadline is January 18, 2018

There are two 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 2018 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.
- Properties that owe two years of property taxes will be Sheriff sold.
- 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 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 31, 2018 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.
- If you decide to finish your basement make sure you get the proper building permits.

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 3rd and 4th. 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 2018 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.
- 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.
- Barking dogs has become an issue. It is the responsibility of the pet owner to make sure their pet does not disrupt the neighborhood with barking. Please contact Delaware Animal Services if you believe a pet is being neglected.

Utility Bills will be mailed out the first week of January. The bills will be due on February 10th. If the bill is not paid by the 10th 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 2018 our trash service will be moved to Thursday for four holidays:

New Years Day	January 1st
Memorial Day	May 28th
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 3rd
Christmas Day	December 25th

Dates to Remember

Jan. 1st	New Years Day – Town Hall Closed
Jan. 2nd	Planning and Zoning Meeting – 6:30pm – Town Hall
Jan. 8th	Town Council Meeting – 6:30pm – Town Hall
Jan. 15th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Town Hall Closed
Feb. 6th	Planning and Zoning Meeting – 6:30pm – Town Hall
Feb. 12th	Town Council Meeting – 6:30pm – Town Hall
Feb. 19th	Presidents Day – Town Hall Closed
Mar. 6th	Planning and Zoning Meeting – 6:30pm – Town Hall
Mar. 12th	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.