



CITY NEWS

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NOTICE TO SENIORS/DISABLED

With certain household income limitations, you may be eligible for a reduction on your city property tax and water rates during fiscal year 2018. (Beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018). The household income, excluding Social Security and disability pension, is limited to:

- Single Applicant: \$20,000
- Married Applicants: \$25,000(combined income)
- Household: \$25,000 (total household income)

You may be eligible if you were 65 years of age or a disabled resident on SSI and have owned your current residence for one (1) year by December 31, 2016 and your income does not exceed the limits above.

You must submit the following documents with your application:

1. Copy of Federal Tax Form (1040) for 2016. If you do not file a Federal Tax Form, you must submit: a copy of 2016 Social Security Benefit Statements and/or a copy of 2016 interest statements and/or a copy of 2016 pension statements.
2. Proof of income for all household residents over 18 years old
3. Certificate of Insurance Award if disabled
4. Proof of age (Picture ID, License, or Birth Certificate for homeowner applying for discount)

Applications for Exemptions are available at Town Hall. If you need assistance filling out the application please feel free to stop by Town Hall, and we will be glad to assist you. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Friday from 8:30AM to 12:30 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: The application form and the required documents must be submitted every year to demonstrate continued eligibility.

Deadline for Filing: April 17, 2017

DELAWARE CITY COMMUNITY GARDEN

If you are interested in having a plot in the Community Garden, please contact Angela Williamson, goingarden@juno.com, 484-832-4318 or PO Box 515. Great for your OWN vegetables, flowers or even berries! I'm happy to answer questions! First come, first filled. Prior box users have priority.

DC FIRE COMPANY

- Thurs 1/19** - Sub Sale - 6AM - 11AM (or sold out)
- Sat 1/21** - Soup & Bake Sale 9AM - Noon at the Post Office
- Tues 1/24** - DCFC Fundraiser at Iron Hill Brewery in Newark
- Sun 2/12** - Community CPR Class @ DCFC - no charge - all are invited to learn CPR starts at 1PM
- Fri 2/17** - Cash Bingo at Delaware City Fire Co.
- SHOE DRIVE** - collecting gently used shoes thru end of January. Donations can be dropped off at the firehouse.

CITY ELECTIONS SCHEDULED

The Delaware City Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. The Mayor and two (2) seats on Council are up for election this year. The deadline for filing to become a candidate for Mayor is Friday, Feb. 3, 2017. The deadline to file for Council is Monday, Mar. 6, 2017. Stop by Town Hall to pick up the necessary forms and for further information on qualifications for office, or you can also visit our website at www.delawarecity.delaware.gov for all the information regarding the election: Click on Commissions and Boards and then Board of Elections. Notices are also posted around Town at the Post Office, Sunset Market, Valero Gas Station, Library, and Town Hall.

To vote in this year's election you must be a registered voter with the State of Delaware at least **30 days prior to the election date** (by Monday, March 5, 2016). You can register to vote at [ivote.de.gov](http://vote.de.gov) and follow the instructions to register to vote. If you do not have a computer, you can come to Town Hall, 407 Clinton Street, during normal business hours (Mon-Thurs 8:30-5:30 Fri 8:30-12:30) and we will help you register.

RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION

On Jan. 23, 2017, the Mayor & Council will have a Public Hearing on Ordinance 16-1121-03 requiring all rental properties within the city limits to register and receive a property maintenance inspection on rental properties on an annual basis. The Code Enforcement Department will notify you in writing of your scheduled inspection date & time which will be conducted in the year 2017. Please contact the Code Dept. at 302-834-0372 with any questions or concerns.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

City Manager of the City of Delaware City

The City of Delaware City, City Manager Search Committee is looking for qualified and interested candidates for the position of City Manager. Qualified applicants should email a cover letter, resume and references care of the Delaware City Manager Search Committee to delawarecitymanager@connollygallagher.com no later than 5:00 p.m. on February 3, 2017. The Search Committee shall provide recommendations to the Mayor who makes the appointment with the approval of City Council. Questions regarding this position should be directed to delawarecitymanager@connollygallagher.com. Qualifications for the position can be found on the City of Delaware City's website at <http://delawarecity.delaware.gov/>. The City of Delaware City is an equal opportunity employer.

From the Mary Jarrell Diary, Compliments of the Delaware City Heritage Association

"The new year 1898

January

1st Cold, Every thing is frozen up this morning and we have had snow squalls all day. We have begun on the year 1898 and may this be a prosperous and profitable year and that our lives may be spared to us that we may help others. And live to be a blessing to the community and to our God."

CHURCH NEWS

Ebenezer United Methodist-306 Clinton St.

Sat, Feb 11th-Homemade Soup for sale 9AM-Noon. Selling bowls/cups of soup (chicken noodle; bean /w ham; or vegetable/beef) with a sandwich. Soup is \$7 a qt.

REEDY POINT PLAYERS

Next on stage for the Reedy Point Players will be their production of *Shenanigans! A Pirate Cabaret*. The show will feature numerous skits and songs that are all pirate inspired. Please be advised, some material may not be suitable for children under the age of 13. Performances will be Feb 24 & 25 at 8 PM at the Delaware City Community Center. Tickets are \$5 - \$12, for advance tickets please visit: <https://reedypointplayers.ticketleap.com>

Come out and audition for their Apr production, *Titanic: Tragedy & Trial*. Auditions dates are Jan 22 (1pm - 3pm) and Jan 23 (6pm-8pm) inside the Delaware City Library. The production will honor the 105th Anniversary of the sinking. Included with the performances will be a display of Titanic artifact reproductions. Auditions are open to the public - no experience necessary. Check their website for further information: <http://www.thereedypointplayers.com>

LIBRARY NEWS

Make Your Own Beauty Products – Join us on January 17th from 6-7PM for a make your own beauty products class. We will be making lip balm and sugar scrub out of all natural ingredients. Teens and Adults. Registration required.

Treat Yourself! Watercolor Class- On January 19th from 6-8PM we will be hosting a watercolor class. Beverages will be served. Adults only. Registration required.

T.A.B. Meeting and Teen Night- On January 25th we will hold an information Teen Advisory Board (T.A.B.) meeting at 5pm where members will have their say on teen oriented programs, followed by Teen Night at 6PM. Ages 12-17 welcome.

National Spy Academy- On January 26th from 5-7PM we will have National Spy Academy. Children will complete spy training boot camp. Parents can assemble your child's ID kit, which is provided by New Castle County Police. Registration required.

History of Negro Baseball Leagues- On February 11th at 1-2PM celebrate Black History Month by learning about the history of negro baseball leagues. All ages.

Valentine's Day Jewelry Making Class- Make beautiful hand-made jewelry for your sweetheart on February 12th from 1-2PM. Teens and Adults. Registration encouraged.

PAWS for People- Read to a service animal or make up a story. This is great way to acclimate children to public speaking and announcing while bonding with an animal. January 22, February 5, February 19 from 1-2PM. All ages welcome.

For additional programs at the library please visit our website at <http://delawarecity.lib.de.us> or like us on Facebook!



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**MAYOR & COUNCIL
AND THE STAFF
WISHES EVERYONE
A VERY HAPPY, SAFE
AND
PROSPEROUS NEW
YEAR!!**

**BOXHOLDER
DELAWARE CITY, DE
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Greetings! to all Delaware City Residents!

Just wanted to give you some Postal updates that are coming in the near future at the Delaware City Post Office.

- New Postal Service Mailing & Shipping Services prices will take effect on Sunday, 1/22/17. The Forever Stamp for First Class letters and cards will increase to \$.49 cents.
- Photo services will be available in February.
- Remember to update your PO Box application to keep it current. As soon as any information changes (such as your street address, telephone number, or individuals receiving mail in your PO Box) you are responsible for updating the information. Failure to update your information may result in termination of service.
- To ensure the expeditious delivery of your mail please ensure to use your PO Box. To assist mailers who refuse PO Box numbers use the word "box" with your # and leave out the PO.
- All new residents to Delaware City please visit us at the Delaware City Post Office to get your No Fee PO Box. Must provide proper documentation.

Here's to a Happy & Health New Year!

Kimberly Logan
Postmaster
Delaware City Post Office

ANSWERS TO COMMON MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT FLOOD INSURANCE

**"Who needs flood insurance?
If my home or business is ever
flooded, disaster assistance will
bail me out."**

THE FACTS ARE:

- Before most forms of Federal disaster assistance can be offered, the President must declare a major disaster.
- The most common form of Federal disaster assistance is a loan, which must be paid back with interest.
- The average Individuals and Households Program award for Presidential disaster declarations related to flooding in 2008 was less than \$4,000.
- To qualify for Federal home repair assistance, your home must have relatively minor damage that can be repaired quickly.
- You do not qualify for Federal rental assistance unless your home has been heavily damaged or destroyed.

"Flood insurance is too expensive."

THE FACTS ARE:

- The duration of a Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster home loan can extend to 30 years.
- The monthly payment on a \$50,000 disaster home loan at 4 percent interest is \$303 for 20 years.
- The average premium for federally backed flood insurance through the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is \$550 a year.
- The cost of a Preferred Risk Policy starts as low \$129 a yr.

"We are not going to be flooded. This area has never flooded."

THE FACTS ARE:

- Floods are the most common, and most costly, natural disaster.
- In the past several years, about 75 percent of all declared disasters involved flooding.
- Because more roads, buildings, and parking lots are being constructed where forests and meadows once stood, floods are becoming more severe throughout the U.S.
- In areas with the greatest risk of flooding, Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs), a building has a 26 percent chance of being flooded over the duration of a 30-year mortgage.
- On average, 25 to 30 percent of all flood insurance claims paid by the NFIP are for property outside of SFHAs.

STORMWATER PROTECTION

If you would not drink it, do not dump it!

Leaves, Grass Clippings and Dirt in Gutters

Delaware City is committed to keeping our water clean. We also try to minimize the risk of property damage due to flooding. There are many challenges to keeping our storm water clean. Although the City regularly cleans the storm drains we still need your help.

Storm sewers are intended to convey stormwater runoff from where it is prone to collect to where it can be safely discharged without causing damage to properties from flooding. Sometimes the storm sewers are unable to perform this because they become clogged with sediment and debris.

Some of the things that can affect the quality of the water that runs off of the City's streets are leaves and grass clippings, pet waste, dirt and sediment, automobile fluids, construction runoff, and toxic chemicals.

Leaves and grass clippings can plug storm sewer inlets and cause localized flooding. An overabundance of decaying plant material can also lead to excessive nutrients in waters which can potentially cause contamination in groundwater supplies.

Dirt and sediment are also concerns, as they can affect both the quality and the quantity of water that can be handled by the storm sewer system. "Sediment is the most prevalent water pollutant. America's water is polluted by more than one billion tons of sediment annually." Sediment can settle in catch basins, storm sewer pipes and detention basins.

All litter has the potential to cause problems in storm drains. Some items that cause more problems than others are plastic bags-a single plastic bag can entirely cover a drain inlet preventing water from entering the storm drain and causing flooding. Paper products can cause similar problems-large paper or Styrofoam drink cups can become lodged in pipes. The pipe blockage can cause backing and flooding also.

Storm water also carries pollutants such as hydrocarbons and heavy metals deposited on streets by cars, pesticides and herbicide residue and anything that anyone dumps in a storm sewer inlet. Pollutants can also be washed down the gutter into storm sewers when people hose off their driveways and sidewalks, wash their car in the driveway, over water their lawns and fail to correct sprinklers that spray onto sidewalks, driveways and streets.

Please do your part by:

- Composting leaves and grass clippings or applying them to flower beds and gardens
- Sweeping driveways, sidewalks, and gutters
- Always recycle used oil and antifreeze
- Clean up after pets
- Report illegal dumping to Town Hall at 834-4573.
- Sweep out gutters regularly and dispose of sediments in gardens or in the garbage.
- Take time to pick up paper and other litter and throw it away in the garbage.

Together we can keep our canal, lakes, rivers, and drinking water clean and uncontaminated.

Source: Air & Waste Management Association, *Environmental Resource Guide-Nonpoint Source Pollution Prevention* (1994).