



CITY NEWS

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HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

There will be no trash pick-up on Memorial Day, May 29th. Trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 30th instead. There will be no trash or recycling pick-up on Labor Day, September 4th. It will be picked up on Tuesday, September 5th.

ELECTION RESULTS

Delaware City held their municipal elections on Tuesday, Apr 4, 2017. Congratulations to Mayor Stanley Green who will be serving as Mayor for 2 more years and to Council Members Betty Barrett and Bob Malinowski on their reelection. They will serve for 2 more years. They were sworn in on Monday, Apr 17, 2017. Thanks to all the candidates who ran for office.

SHREDDING & RECYCLING EVENT

Want to get rid of some of those old electronics and paint cans? Come to the Governor Bacon Parade Grounds at Fort DuPont on Sat, June 3, 2017 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be a large shredder so you can shred all your unwanted papers. You can also bring all your old electronic goods to dispose of and any household waste such as paints, cleaners, etc. Remember you cannot put any electronics or household hazardous waste in your regular recycling carts! They must be disposed of in a special way. Keep our Environment Safe!! The event is sponsored by the DSWA.

DELAWARE CITY DAY

Mark your calendars!! Delaware City Day is Saturday, July 15, 2017. Anyone interested in volunteering for Delaware City Day, contact Mayor Stan Green.

ALL RESIDENTS EAST of FIFTH STREET will need a RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMIT!!! East of Fifth Street will be closed to all traffic on Delaware City Day, July 15, 2017 from 5PM until after the fireworks. If you did not get a parking permit previously, you are asked to stop by Town Hall at 407 Clinton Street to obtain a **Free Parking Permit** if you plan on moving your car that day. You will need to show your registration card for all vehicles in your household and a parking permit will be issued for all vehicles for free. Without a permit you will not be able to enter the City until after the fireworks. If you still have your parking permit placard from last year it is still good and you will **not** need to reapply.

FAREWELL TO CITY MANAGER CATHCART & WELCOME NEW CITY MANAGER CAROL HOUCK

Upon accepting the retirement request of current City Manager Dick Cathcart, the Mayor and Council finalized their selection to replace the veteran public servant and former State Representative upon his retirement in May. Carol Houck, who has served the citizens of Newark for the past 27 years, will join the Delaware City team effective May 31st. City Manager Cathcart will continue to serve the community through the transition months and as necessary to bring the new City Manager on board. "I've thoroughly enjoyed my time here in Delaware City and I believe I'm leaving the City in a good position for the future. I am ready to move on to other challenges and opportunities and let others take the reins", said Cathcart.

The staff and Mayor & Council would like to thank Dick Cathcart for all he has done for the City and wish him all the luck in his retirement and future endeavors. The Staff and Mayor & Council are very excited to welcome new City Manager Carol Houck and look forward to working with her to continue to make Delaware City a great place to live.

DELAWARE CITY HISTORIC ASSOCIATION

Seeking the community's help. Here's DCHA's List of possible future displays:

Church bulletins and histories: Whatever your religious affiliation, gather your materials and allow us to scan and copy the histories and special event notices.

Bridal couples: photos needed for June so get digging into your scrapbooks. Only requirement is that the people in the photos need to be identified so the display will have local interest. If the couple was married elsewhere but have ties to Delaware City, that's fine too. Again, scanning of originals, returning in same condition as when borrowed is our promise.

Maritime display: looking for all of you who are lucky enough to own ship or boat models, drawings or paintings, even photographs of vessels that frequented Delaware City and its branch canal. Our recently borrowed story boards from Wisowaty's Local History Museum were successfully returned to their owners.

Dolls: believe it or not, one of the most successful displays at Kent County (Md.) Historical Society was dolls. We will be counting on you to bring your dolls, dressed in their finery to the library at the end of November for a December exhibit (locked glass case). For each doll on loan, the owner receives a Deed of Loan to which is attached a photo of the doll and all of her known history, including name, age and original owner's name.

DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY NEWS

Thursday, May 18th - 6-11AM (or sold out) - monthly sub sale.

Saturday May 20th 10AM - 2PM—Open House to include Food Drive; Bake Sale, Station Tours, Food, Apparatus Display, Blood Pressure Checks, Pet Food Drive

Tuesday, May 23rd - Fundraiser at Kathy's Crab House - All day - Flyer must be presented which can be picked up at the fire house.

The American Legion's Memorial Day Celebration at Veterans Point, May 29th at 10:30 AM. All are welcome!

REEDY POINT PLAYERS

The Reedy Point Players are thrilled to be holding their first One Act Playwriting Competition. Come on out and be part of an exciting and challenging production! Performance will be June 17 at 8PM. For more information, please visit www.thereedypointplayers.com

MOST HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE DOES NOT COVER FLOOD DAMAGE

Floods are the #1 natural disaster in the US. Floods usually strike without warning. They occur in all 50 states. Millions of buildings have been damaged over the last several years. People have lost their homes and belongings, and they never saw it coming. Are you insured against such a hazard?

Your homeowners insurance covers many hazards. Flooding typically is not one of them. Many people believe federal disaster assistance will cover them. Not Always! The President must first declare the flood a federal disaster; any assistance you receive is usually a loan that has to be repaid with interest. That is why you need flood insurance. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was created by Congress in response to the rising cost of disaster relief for flood victims, and for more than 40 years it has provided protection for millions of families. About 100 private insurance companies nationally offer flood insurance backed by the federal government. Policies are available to homeowners, condo owners, apartment owners, renters and business owners. Typically, there is a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase before your policy goes into effect. Contact your insurance agent or insurance company for more information.



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STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Water Pollution is a crime. A water pollution hot line: **(302) STOPPIT** for county residents to report pollution going into or coming out of the storm sewer system has been set up. The Double P means "Prevent Pollution." When residents see evidence that someone has dumped chemicals or debris into the storm drain, here's what they can do: **-Visit www.302STOPPIT.org and fill out an online form**
-Call or send a text message to (302) STOPPIT (302.786.7748) with the location and details
-mailto:hotline@302STOPPIT.org with the location and details.

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle.

The less we send to the landfill, the fewer landfills we have to build and manage. Instead we can keep raw materials in state to provide green jobs and a healthy economy. Household hazardous waste, electronic goods, furniture, automotive fluids and parts, yard waste and even medicine can be recycled. Come to Town Hall for your copy of *A Guide to Recycling in Delaware*.

Join Delaware's Livable Lawns Program

You can use a certified lawn care company that follows environmentally-friendly practices in fertilizer application. Did you know that by leaving lawn clippings on your lawn provides half of the nitrogen your grass needs each year? By hauling away your clippings you are depriving your lawn of a natural fertilizer and creating more work for yourself. A half-acre lawn can produce more than 3 tons of clipping, nearly 260 bags, each year. And raking, bagging, disposing of clippings and fertilizing takes up a lot of your time and can be an added expense. For additional help and information, check the University of Delaware Extension Lawn and Garden website: <http://extension.udel.edu/lawngarden/>

Washing your car on the lawn not only waters the grass, but the residual biodegradable soap may stop common pests that are eating your lawn.

Looking for a two-for-one idea? Use biodegradable dish soap for car washing. The liquid soap does not sit well in the digestive tract of insects that are chewing on the grass or its roots. Not only will you reduce the need for toxic pesticides, but you can water the lawn at the same time. Preventing soapy discharges from entering the storm drain will protect beneficial insects in streams and ponds. The fish, frogs and birds will thank you.

Pick up and dispose of pet waste. The poop you scoop today will prevent excessive nutrient and bacterial pollution.

Be sure to pick up after your pets and encourage your neighbors to do so. Bacteria from pet waste will overload local streams and ponds and result in closed fishing and swimming areas. Whenever possible, flush the waste down the toilet so that it can be treated at a sewage treatment plant. If flushing isn't an option, place bagged waste in a trash can, and NEVER down the storm drain.

Maintain your pool and hot tub in a responsible manner.

Water that has been chemically treated for swimming pools and hot tubs often contains high levels of chlorine that will kill plants and animals in streams and ponds. Public, commercial and semi-public pools and spas (i.e. health clubs, apartment complexes, hotels, municipal pools, etc.) must connect their drains to a public sanitary sewer. Single family pools and spas can discharge water to their yard but only after the water has been de-chlorinated. Care must be taken to prevent ponding, erosion or flooding of your property or creating a nuisance on adjoining property.

Get outside and get involved with other concerned citizens and businesses that support community resilience.

Volunteering and being engaged in our communities is the ultimate expression of our relationships with our neighbors and our sense of place in the world. It isn't enough to express a desire to see changes; we have to act to promote the change that we seek. When we act on behalf of the community, the environment or in tandem with government and local non-profits we express our commitment to what we value.



DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS MAY AND JUNE 2017

ONGOING EVENTS

Sun. 5-21, 6-4, 6-18 at 1 PM: PAWS for Reading (read to a therapy dog!). Registration requested.

Mon. 5-8, 6-12 at 6:00 PM: Cookbook Club. Learn new recipes from bestselling cookbooks and make delicious recipes in the library!

Mon. 6-19, 6-26 at 12:30 PM: Summer Lunch Program: Children 0- 17 are invited to enjoy a free lunch followed by a fun craft or activity.

Tues. 5-9, 6-13 at 6:30 PM: Reading Rainbow Story Hour: Take a look, it's in a book! Watch 2 episodes of reading rainbow, blankets and stuffed animals welcome!

Tues. 5-30, 6-27 at 6:45 PM: Delaware City Reading Group. Discuss this month's book selection.

Wed. 6-21, 6-28 at 12:30 PM: Summer Lunch Program. Children 0- 17 are invited to enjoy a free lunch followed by a fun craft or activity.

Wed. 5-24, 6-28 at 6 PM: Teen Night. Teens will enjoy music, games, crafts, and refreshments.

Thurs. 5-18, 6-1, 6-15 at 4 PM: Crafty Story Time. Hear a story and make a take-home craft! Ages 3+

Sat. 5-27 at 12 PM: Crafty Story Time. Hear a story and make a take-home craft! Ages 3+

Sat. 5-20, 6-17 at 2 PM: LEGO Club. Ages 7-12.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun. 5-14 at 1 PM: Mother/Daughter Paper Floral Arrangement. Celebrate Mother's Day by making beautiful flowers and arrangements from paper. Teens and Adults. Registration required.

Tues. 5-16 at 6 PM: Tai Chi for Stress Relief. Learn the anxiety reducing fitness trend Tai Chi. Adults. Registration recommended.

Sat. 6-3: Summer Reading Kickoff Party and Community Barbecue. Everyone is invited to this community barbecue in celebration of the annual Summer Reading Challenge at the library.

There will be food, face painting, and of course summer reading signups!

Sun. 6-11 at 1 PM: Saving Family Treasures. Historian Michael Dixon teaches us how to preserve family heirlooms. Adults. Registration recommended.

Thurs. 6-22 at 6 PM: The Build It Better Workshop. Performer Rick Waterhouse is an engineer who runs a shop where people can bring inventions that aren't working the way they had hoped. Ages 4 – 10.