

FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Delaware City is vulnerable to coastal storms and flooding. A significant percentage of the town is located within the FEMA defined 1% chance flood plain. These areas are noted as Zone AE on the FEMA flood map and are particularly susceptible to flooding. To find out if your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area and the base flood elevation of your property or to find more information for flood protection please call Town Hall at 302-834-4573. A few ways to protect your property from a flood hazard is to elevate your furnace above the base flood and to store your valuables and insurance papers upstairs in a waterproof container. You can also visit our website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov and click on Floodplain Management on the left side of the screen for more information.

Flash-flooding is the general type of flooding caused by the Canal and Dragon Run. For Delaware City, flooding will occur if there is a storm surge or if two or more high tides take place without an intervening ebb tide. **Turn around, don't drown!** It is very hard to judge just how deep flood waters can be. Designate a place where your family can meet if an evacuation order is issued.

Contact your insurance agent to see if you have flood insurance. Remember flood insurance only covers the structure. It does not cover your home's contents. Make sure you get the additional insurance for your contents. If you are a renter, you can get a Preferred Risk Flood insurance policy for your contents. Do not forget flood insurance does not go into effect for 30 days. Call your insurance agent today.

If you have to repair your home after a storm, or at any time and your property is in the floodplain, please contact Town Hall at 302-834-4573 to get a permit and find out ways to build back stronger. Most repairs will need a permit. You can visit our website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov for more information.



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CITY NEWS

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Save the Date



The Sixth Annual

First State Mayors' Ball

Saturday, February 24, 2018
7 p.m.

The Ballroom of the Delaware City Fire Company

Hors d'ouvres ~ Cocktails ~ Music ~ Silent & Live Auctions
Dancing to The Big Package ~ Carving Station

Mayor Stanley E. Green invites you to join him for this Charity Event
Call Delaware City Town Hall to reserve your tickets
Monday—Thursday 302 834-4573 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

City Manager's Message

Happy New Year Delaware City! Town Hall looks forward to working on our community's behalf this year and wishes you and yours all the best!

As we begin this new year it's always a good time to pause to look back, and for me that includes the past seven months that I have been fortunate to serve as your City Manager. These months have been busy and from my standpoint productive. I continue to look forward to working with Mayor and Council, our committees, boards and citizens to move our community forward.

Highlights for me include participating in the planning for Delaware City Day 2017, assisting with the delivery of our annual audit, engaging with the Delaware City Police Athletic League (PAL), reviewing policies and putting some new procedures in place, bringing a Finance Manager on board and witnessing the small-town pride and support of Delaware City. Make no mistake, I'm still learning and hope to begin to address with our fine staff and Police Department the many issues and challenges that have been brought to my attention these first months.

What's on tap for 2018 at this time? I can share that we're at various stages of engagement or consideration regarding the following town matters, including:

Continued conversation regarding parking needs, signage and concerns, led by the Parking Task force that will result in recommendations being made to Mayor and Council for improvement during 2018;

Our long-awaited Washington Street Flood Mitigation efforts should be initiated early this year with completion before 2019;

The **Mayor's Charity Ball *A Taste of Delaware City*** will be held on **February 24th** providing welcome funds to help support primarily our Delaware City Fire Company, Historic Fort Delaware, and initiatives right here in Delaware City!.

Our Refuse and Recycling Contract will go out for rebid and a thorough evaluation of our water utility will take place;

We will go live with a new software program that will streamline our reporting - most importantly that of our monthly financial statements;

Our new Treasurer, Debbie Sellers, will begin and with this realignment usher in a higher level of transparency and fiscal oversight.

The Downtown Development District Plan will be completed and provide for access to additional funding to boost the success of Main Street Delaware City!

Certainly not an exhaustive list, but it's a good start that will keep us busy. Lastly, on behalf of all of the staff at Town Hall, thank you for the many well wishes and cards received over the recent holiday season!

Carel Houck



Delaware City Events for January and February 2018

Intro to Winter Soap Making – On January 10th from 6 – 7:30 PM local soap maker Rachel Binkley of Rocker Soaps shows you how to make your own soap! Take home a handmade winter soap! Adults 18+. Registration required.

Gentle Yoga- This free monthly yoga session is taught by Rebecca Keifer of Tree of Life Yoga. It takes place on January 13th from 12 – 1 PM. Great for all skill levels! 18+. Registration requested.

Art in the Library: Mixed Media Portraits- This new monthly program for adults features different art classes each month. On January 14th from 1- 2:30 PM attendees will learn how to make portraits from different media including paint, paper, collage, and more. Adults 18+. Registration required.

Pub Trivia: Rock & Roll History- On January 16th the Delaware City Library hosts its monthly trivia night at Lewinsky's on Clinton. January's theme is "rock & roll history." 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Adults 21+.

Wild Rumpus Story Time- On January 27th from 4 -5 PM we will host a new movement-based story time. Special guest music therapist Diane Delaney will be reading *Can You Make a Scary Face?* by Jan Thomas.

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 7 & 21, February 4 & 18 from 1-2 PM. All ages welcome.

Bird Feeder Building- On February 3rd from 1 -2 PM help our feathered friends by making bird feeders. Take home a bird feeder for your yard. Ages 5+. Registration required.

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

MESSAGE FROM ST. PAUL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul is an all-volunteer charitable group associated with St Paul's Catholic Church in Delaware City. We provide temporary assistance to individuals and families who are truly in need and we also provide information on government programs that may be able to help on an ongoing basis. Please call our church phone number at 302-834-4321 and leave a message. We will get back to you.

“antivirus” software that will actually hack your computer. It’s important to note that a huge computer company, like Microsoft, would almost never call you out of the blue. Always be vigilant about sharing payment information over the phone, and when in doubt, collect the caller’s information and say that you will call them back after researching it.

Fake Charities Scams If you think that posing as a charity in order to rip people off is just too despicable for anyone to do, well, guess again. There are plenty of scammers out there that will say and do anything to rip people off, including posing as a charity. A common scam claims to collect funds for local police and fire departments, while another pretended to fund cancer philanthropies. Remember you can always call back a charity after doing some research.

IRS Scams This is a very popular scam, and its success is probably due to the fact that most people are pretty nervous about dealing with the IRS. Oftentimes, robo-callers call tens of thousands of potential victims, and sometimes the callers will even have the last four digits of your social security number already on hand. While the IRS may potentially call you one day, they would not request direct payment over the phone. If you’re not sure about an IRS call, try dialing the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA) at 1-800-366-4484.

Debt Collector Scams Debt collector scams are fairly popular because, unfortunately, there are just so many people with debt out there. The best thing to do in this situation is to ask for the caller’s information, including company name, and to call them back. Also, take note that if you send a written letter to a debt collector asking them to stop calling you, they are legally required to do so.

Credit Card Security Number Scams As we’ve mentioned, it’s not a smart idea to give out credit card information over the telephone. But, what about just snippets of information? Though it may seem harmless, even giving out the three-digit security code on the back of your credit card (also known as the CVV number) can lead to being scammed. The scammer can disguise themselves as a bank employee, even giving out a fake employee badge number. But make sure to never give out that CVV number, no matter what they say.

Warrant Scams Whether it’s the DEA, FBI, sheriff, or local police department, warrant scams are designed to make victims panic and then give up their personal information over the phone. The scammer will often state that you’ve missed jury duty or perhaps defrauded a bank, and attempt to get payment information. However, law enforcement demanding money is just something that does not happen legally over the phone. Remember that.

How to Protect Yourself

- Usually, the most important thing is that you don’t give away financial and sensitive personal information (address, date of birth, bank information, ID numbers) out over the phone.
- Remember to check your bank and credit card statement regularly, especially after getting a suspicious call.
- Also, try not to get pressured into making quick decisions. You should always feel like you can take the time to research an organization, including checking it out online.
- Be wary of sending money anywhere for an emergency situation.
- Lastly, never send money by prepaid card or wire transfer (which are difficult to track) to someone you don’t know.

DELAWARE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Delaware City Fire Company wanted to pass along a few upcoming events that will be held at Delaware City Fire Company

- Texas Roadhouse fundraiser – Tuesday, January 16th 3PM – 10PM. Flyers available at the firehouse
- Sub Sale – Thursday, January 18th 6AM – 11AM. Call 302.834.9336 to place your order.
- Soup Sale - Saturday, January 20th @ 9AM - Vegetable Beef Soup - \$6.00/quart.
- Paint day at DCFC – Sunday, January 21st @ 1PM – preregister at <https://maisysmarket.com>
- Bertucci’s Fundraiser – Tuesday, February 13th. 11AM – 10PM. Flyers available at the firehouse.
- Michael Kors & Coach Bingo – Sunday, February 18th. \$25 for 20 games. Doors open at noon – play starts at 1PM
- Founder’s Feast Beef & Beer – Friday, March 9th – 7PM – Midnight. \$30 per person; \$50 a couple – For tickets call 302.377.7721 or 302.218.6348.



Start 2018 with the Senior Center! Monday & Tuesday - 10 - 1pm at the Delaware City Library, 250 Fifth Street, enter through the rear of the building. Coffee, conversation, snacks, games, puzzles, and show n' tell on Mondays, Bingo on Tuesdays!

DELAWARE CITY TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

Delaware City Lions Club sponsored a Christmas Tree for the Delaware City Tree Lighting Ceremony held on Saturday, November 26th. Several DC Lions gathered earlier in the day to decorate the tree, and were also present when over a dozen trees sponsored by various organizations from the Delaware City area were all simultaneously lit at dark.

Christmas Carols greeted Santa's arrival by boat. A long line of children waited to have their picture taken with him. Complimentary warm apple cider was provided by the Delaware City Lions Club to the approximately 300 people in attendance at the event.

FROM THE DELAWARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Pets and the cold weather

You're probably already aware of the risks posed by warm weather and leaving pets in hot cars, but did you know that cold weather also poses serious threats to your pets' health? Please ensure that your pets are safe and not exposed to extreme temperature or weather for a long period of time.

Phone Scams – Please be aware there are so many phone scams occurring on any given day. Below you will find examples of some of the most common phone scams.

“Can you hear me?” This scam has been very successful for criminals simply because of how innocuous it seems. The idea is to ask the victim a simple question so that they respond with, “Yes.” The scammer then records the response and uses it to authorize changes on credit cards, bills, and more. This is because many companies today use voice-automated systems for customer service, which scammers then “hack” with the voice recording. Scammers can also ask to press a button on the phone, which is how they find out if the number is active. The smart thing to do when receiving an unknown phone call is to not respond and not press any buttons on the dial pad. Here are some other questions that these scammers tend to lead with:

- *Are you the homeowner?
- *Are you the lady of the house?
- *Do you pay the household phone bill?
- *Do you pay the household bills?
- *Is Adele better than Taylor Swift? (Okay, just kidding about this one.)
- *Free Vacations and Prizes

Everyone likes free stuff, but sometimes things sound just too good to be true. This particular scam usually starts off by notifying you that you've won a vacation to some exotic locale or popular travel destination, like Walt Disney World. Or, the caller will offer a reward card or some sort of prize, sometimes notifying you that you've won a lottery. The key here is that the scammer will ask you to pay a small fee in order to claim the prize, for which you'll have to share your credit card number. Don't do it! Victims can and have been had for thousands of dollars.

Phishing Scams While most phishing scams are related to websites or email, there are also phishing calls that attempt to gain valuable information from you. Generally, the scammer will claim that there is an issue with your computer, putting it at risk of getting hacked. Then, they'll ask for your payment information to fix the hypothetical problem or attempt to have you download

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, 2017 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 2017. If you do not file a Federal Tax Form, you must submit: a copy of 2017 Social Security Benefit Statements and/or a copy of 2017 interest statements and/or a copy of 2017 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 16, 2018**



CITY ELECTIONS SCHEDULED

The Delaware City Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018. There are three (3) seats on Council up for election this year. The deadline to file for Council is Monday, Mar. 5, 2018. 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 **7 days prior to the election date**. You can register to vote at ivote.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.



REEDY POINT PLAYERS

Next onstage for the Reedy Point Players will be their One Act Festival, performing February 16 & 17. This year, all one acts will be original works. Come out and join us for an evening of entertainment, where the audience gets to vote for their favorite one act! Concession and raffles will be sold as well. Ticket prices ranges from \$5-\$12 - CASH ONLY at the door. No checks, debit/credit cards, etc. will be accepted. If you wish to pay by card, you must purchase your tickets online: <https://reedypointplayers.ticketleap.com/one-act-festival/>