



CITY NEWS

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JANUARY 2023

Delaware City Town Hall
407 Clinton Street
(302) 834-4573

Mayor :

Paul H. Johnson, Sr

Council Members:

Linda Price
Beth Konkus
Michelle Cornish
Betty Barrett
Dan Saunders

City Manager:

David Baylor

Chief of Police:

Michael Henderson

Delaware City Directory

Police Department
(302) 836-6344

Delaware City Fire Hall
(302) 834-9336

Post Office
(302) 834-4716

Library
(302) 834-4148

Fire Hall Rental
(302) 392-1783

Park Building Rental
(302) 834-0662

Town Hall will be
CLOSED
on January 16, 2023
In Observance of
Martin Luther King Day

Town Hall will be
CLOSED
on February 20, 2023
In Observance of
Presidents Day

NOTICE

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REDUCTION ON YOUR CITY PROPERTY TAX AND WATER RATES

With certain household income limitations, you may be eligible for a reduction on your city property tax and water rates during fiscal year 2024. (Beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024)

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, 2022, and your income does not exceed the limits above.

You must submit the following documents with your application:

- Copy of Federal Tax Form (1040) for 2022. *If you do not file a Federal Tax Form, you must submit: a copy of 2022 Social Security Benefit Statements, a copy of 2022 interest statements, and a copy of 2022 pension statements if applicable.*
- Proof of income for all household residents over 18 years old
- Certificate of Insurance Award if disabled
- Proof of age and address (Matching items 1-3 above) should be presented. These include 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 Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM

PLEASE NOTE: This application form and the required documents must be submitted EVERY YEAR to demonstrate continued eligibility.

Deadline for Filing: April 15, 2023

Posted: January 9, 2023 Town Hall, Post Office, Sunset Market, Delaware City Valero

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Delaware City Events for January - March 2023

Pick up your free Vial of L.I.F.E. at the library! The Vial of L.I.F.E program is a free service provided by New Castle County Emergency Medical Services. Vials inform paramedics on medications and health concerns of emergency service patients.

Daily Program for Kids -Daily program with a new theme each month. Kids win prizes for participating. January – Vision Board, February – Letter Exchange, and March – How Does Your Garden Grow.

Kids 7-12 Book Club – Book club meets on second Mondays – discuss the book, have a snack, and enjoy a craft or game. Call or come to the library to place a book on hold. 1/9, 2/13, 3/13.

Vinyl Record Listening Club- Join us the second Tuesday of each month. Meet like-minded music fans and listen to records on the library listening station. Listen to the library’s records or bring your own! Light refreshments provided. Registration requested. Adults. 1/10, 2/14/, and 3/14 from 6-7 PM.

DC Library Lego Club- Fun hour of Lego every second Saturday! All ages. 1/14, 2/11/, and 3/11, 2- 3 PM.

Cooking with Cathy- In-person cooking classes for teens! In January, Cathy teaches Egg Drop Soup. New recipes each month. Registration required. Ages 12 - 17. 1/18, 2/15, 3/15 from 4:30-5:30 PM.

Art in the Library- This popular fine art program changes themes monthly, and takes place on Thursdays at 5:30 PM. Registration required. Adults. 1/19, 2/16, and 3/16 from 5:30-7 PM.

Interactive Movies for Kids- Classic kids’ movies with a twist. Interactive means ACTION – sing, move, eat, and more.

Check the website for movie titles. Kids. 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, 2:00 PM.

Senior Medicare Patrol- Delaware DHSS provides in-person help at the Library for Medicare beneficiaries who have questions or concerns about Medicare - monthly on the fourth Tuesday. Adults. 1/24, 2/28, 3/3/28. 10:15 AM- 2:15 PM.

Blanket Forts – Welcoming kids and families to make blanket forts! We provide the materials, you wear the pajamas! Kids / Families. 1/24, 4:30 -5:30 PM.

Teen Movies – Join us on the last Thursday of the month for Teen Movie Night during Teen Room Hours – complete with snacks! Teens. 1/26, 2/23, 3/30, 4:30 PM.

Family Game Hour- Every fourth Saturday! Use our board / card games and family friendly video games. Adult supervision is required. , 1/28, 2/25, and 3/25, 2-3 PM.

Recent Release Book Club- Monthly on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Adults. 1/24, 2/28, 3/21, 6-7:30 PM.

Escape 2022! Adult Escape Room –2022 brought us all challenges, and we’re over it! Escape 2022 by solving puzzles and games in our escape room to make it to a fresh start! Registration required. Adults. 1/28, 12-3 PM.

Creative Aging: Pattern Work Painting- Creative Aging is an 8-session art program for older adults 55+. Art instructor Erin Schwinn leads this program with a pattern work project. Participants will learn about creating patterns and painting techniques.

No prior art experience required. Registration requested. Adults 55+. 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/2, 5-6:30 PM.

“Voices Long Forgotten” - Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery screen their documentary commemorating Black history in New Castle County and representatives will answer questions. Light refreshments. Registration requested. Older children and Adults. 2/2, 6-7 PM.

NCC Reads Book Talk: FUZZ: When Nature Breaks the Law- Join us for a riveting discussion of the New Castle County Reads selection *FUZZ: When Nature Breaks the Law* by Mary Roach. Pick up a free copy of the book at the library beginning in February. Adults. 3/23, 6-7:30 PM.

Vietnam Mailbag- Nancy Lynch discusses and reads selected war letters from her book, *Vietnam Mailbag, Voices from the War: 1968-1972*, based on her popular newspaper column, “Nancy’s Vietnam Mailbag.” She is accompanied by Vietnam veteran Rick Lovekin, a Huey helicopter door gunner, Cobra crew chief, and frequent letter writer to Nancy, who shows slides from Vietnam set to 1960s music. Adults. 3/29, 6-7 PM.

For additional programs at the library please visit our website at <http://delawarecity.lib.de.us> or like us on Facebook! Questions? Call the library at 302-834-4148.

DELAWARE CITY SENIOR CENTER

Start the New Year off with a bang!

Join the senior center at the library

Monday: Cards and puzzling

Tuesday: Bingo and puzzling

Coffee and conversation

10-1pm



2023 RECYCLING SCHEDULE

NOTICE 2023



THE BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING PICK-UP WILL CONTINUE TO BE PICKED UP ON MONDAYS, THE SCHEDULE FOR 2023 IS AS FOLLOWS:

JANUARY	2, 16, 30
FEBRUARY	13, 27
MARCH	13, 27
APRIL	10, 24
MAY	8, 22
JUNE	5, 19
JULY	3, 17, 31
AUGUST	14, 28
SEPTEMBER	11, 25
OCTOBER	9, 23
NOVEMBER	6, 20
DECEMBER	4, 18

Acceptable Recyclable Items

Paper - Newspapers, magazines, catalogues, office paper, phone books, cardboard, (cereal boxes) mail (including junk mail), all paperboard

Containers - Aluminum beverage cans, steel food cans (rinsed), empty aerosol cans, all glass (food and beverage containers only), plastic bottles and jugs

***HOLIDAY SCHEDULE: Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

If the holiday falls on your scheduled pick up day, ALL SERVICES will be picked up on the following day. All remaining pick ups for that week will be a day late.

If the holiday falls on Saturday or Sunday, there will be no delays.***

MEETINGS

Mayor & Council:

Monday, January 23 at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, February 27 at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, March 20 at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Planning Commission:

Monday, January 9th at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Location:
Delaware City Community Center

Historic Preservation Commission:

Tuesday, January 3rd at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 7th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 7th at 7 p.m.

Location:
Delaware City Community Center

**in the event a Public Hearing is scheduled on the agenda,
Mayor & Council Meeting will begin at 6 p.m.*

If you wish to be on the Planning Commission's or Historic Preservation Commission's agenda, please contact Town Hall at least ten (10) days before the meeting date. 302 834-4573

Agendas for all meetings are posted at Town Hall, Post Office, Sunset Market, Valero Station and Library & www.delawarecity.org



DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY



1/15 - Sock Drive 10AM - 12PM. If you can't make it that day - socks can be dropped off prior.
1/16 - Dine & Donate at The Metro Diner in Middletown 8AM - 8PM.
2/12 - Coach, Kate & Kors Bag Bingo 1PM - Doors open at noon.
2/24 - Wine & Chocolate Pairing - tickets are \$25 per person and reservations need to be made by calling 302.834.0443 or emailing cpdennis@dcfc15.com

REMINDER!

- Change your battery in your smoke detectors and/or replace your smoke detectors . Working smoke detectors save lives .
- Put your house numbers on your house and business so emergency responders can find you faster - use 6" numbers.

DRAGON RUN PARK

Easter egg hunt on April 1, 2023 at 1pm

Water party on August 19, 2023 from 1pm-4pm

Halloween party on October 28, 2023 from 6:30pm-8:30pm

Christmas lunch on December 10, 2023 from 12pm-3pm.

Please follow us on Facebook called Dragon Run Park Building and email us at dragon.run.park@gmail.com.

ELECTION INFORMATION

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILPERSON

Any qualified voter of the City of Delaware City

1. Who is a qualified voter at least eighteen (18) years of age.
2. The "qualified voter" as used herein shall mean a person who is a registered voter with State of Delaware at the time that his/her nominating petition is filed.
3. Who is a United States Citizen.
4. Who has not been convicted of a felony as that crime is designated by the State of Delaware.
5. Who has established one (1) year residency in the City at the time their nominating petition is filed by furnishing identification and proof of residency.

ELECTION VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Every person:

1. Who maintains their permanent place of residence within the City limits of Delaware City.
2. Who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years.
3. Who is a citizen of the United States.
4. Who is registered to vote under the State of Delaware's voter registration system maintained by the Department of Elections at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Election.
5. Who can prove the foregoing information by proper identification.

You can register to vote at [Ivote.de.gov](http://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-Fri 8:30-4:30) and we will help you register.



ELECTION 2023

NOTICE MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE DELAWARE CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, 250 FIFTH STREET, IN THE GYMNASIUM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 NOON AND 8:00 P.M. TO ELECT A MAYOR AND TWO (2) COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS EACH.

THE LAST DATE FOR FILING AS A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR IS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023, BY 4:30 PM

THE LAST DATE FOR FILING AS A COUNCILMEMBER IS FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023, BY 4:30 PM.

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE POSTING FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL.

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE POSTING FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE IN THE CITY ELECTION. STATE REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTION 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE APRIL 4, 2023 ELECTION IS NECESSARY, BY MARCH 3, 2023. YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE AT [Ivote.de.gov](https://www.vote.de.gov). IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PLEASE CONTACT TOWNHALL.

THE LAST DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL AS A CANDIDATE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15, 2023, BY 4:30 PM.

LETTERS OF CANDIDACY OR WITHDRAWAL MUST BE FILED WITH THE CITY SECRETARY AT TOWN HALL DURING THE HOURS: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023.

LAST DATE TO REQUEST APPLICATION TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 31, 2023 BY 4:30 PM.

LAST DATE TO RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2023 BY 8:00PM. IF RETURNING ON APRIL 4, 2023, YOU MUST DROP IT OFF AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER GYMNASIUM, 250 FIFTH STREET.

ANYONE WISHING TO REVIEW THE CITY CHARTER OR ORDINANCES REGARDING THE ABOVE MAY DO SO AT THE CITY HALL DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS OR ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE:

www.delawarecity.org.



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The Delaware City Tree Commission:
Trees – How they benefit you!

- Trees clean the air -
Trees absorb odors and pollutant gases (nitrogen oxides, ammonia, sulfur dioxide and ozone) and filter particulates out of the air by trapping them on their leaves and bark.
- Trees provide Oxygen –
In one year an acre of mature trees can provide enough oxygen for 18 people.
- Trees cool the streets and city -
Average temperatures in Los Angeles have risen 6°F in the last 50 years as tree coverage has declined and the number of heat-absorbing roads and buildings has increased. Trees cool the city by up to 10°F, by shading our homes and streets, breaking up urban “heat islands” and releasing water vapor into the air through their leaves.

