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Town Hall will be  
**CLOSED**  
on January 15, 2024  
In Observance of  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Town Hall will be  
**CLOSED**  
on February 19, 2024  
In Observance of  
Presidents Day

# CITY NEWS

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January 2024

## NOTICE

### **YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REDUCTION ON YOUR CITY PROPERTY TAX RATES**

*With certain household income limitations, you may be eligible for a reduction on your city property tax rates during fiscal year 2025. (Beginning July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025)*

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, 2023, 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 2023.  
*If you do not file a Federal Tax Form, you must submit: a copy of 2023 Social Security Benefit Statements, a copy of 2023 interest statements, and a copy of 2023 pension statements if applicable.*
2. Proof of income for all household residents over 18 years old
3. Certificate of Insurance Award if disabled
4. Proof of age and address (Matching items 1-3 above) shall 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 Thursday from 9:00AM to 4:00PM and Fridays 9:00AM-1:00PM

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

**Deadline for Filing: April 15, 2024**

Posted: January 27, 2024 Town Hall, Post Office, Sunset Market, Delaware City Valero

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## Delaware City Events for January – February 2024

**THE LIBRARY OF THINGS**, a collection of fun and useful gadgets, tools, games, and equipment you can check out with your Delaware Library Card, and our **MAKER SPACE**, a place where you can make, learn, explore, and share creative activities individually or collaboratively with tools provided by the Library. Maker Space is open Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

**Preschool Story Time** - A weekly story time on focused on early literacy. We read stories and play during our time together. Our program is aimed at pre-school age children, but we welcome kids of all ages! A parent or caregiver **MUST** be present during the program. Tuesdays from 10:00 - 10:30 AM.

**Delaware City Writers Group**- This new group is for adult writers of all skill and experience levels. Bring writing samples to workshop, discuss the writing process, and share your experiences. Refreshments provided. Meets monthly on the first Wednesday of the month. Adults. 1/3, 2/7 from 5:30 - 7 PM.

**PAWS for People: READ!** – Read aloud to a furry, friendly therapy companion to help inspire a love of reading. Offered by PAWS for People. Readers of all ages and stages are welcome on the first and third Saturdays of the month. 1/6, 1/20, 2/3, 2/17 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM.

**STEAM Activity for Kids** – STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. STEAM focuses on sparking imagination and creativity in ways that naturally align with learning. Come to the Delaware City Library on the second Monday of the month for a new STEAM activity. 1/8, 2/12 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM.

**Vinyl Record Listening Club**- Join us the second Tuesday of each month. Meet like-minded music fans and listen to records. Enjoy the library's collection of over 40 records or bring your own! Light refreshments provided. Registration requested. Adults. 1/9, 2/13 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

**Teen Culture** – Join us second Wednesdays for popular culture, food, games, art, and other activities just for teens! The theme changes every month! Ages 12-17. Registration requested. 1/10, 2/14 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM.

**Knit & Crochet Social Club**- Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels are invited to join our Knit and Crochet Social Club! Bring your latest project, enjoy refreshments provided by the library, and meet other knit and crochet lovers. A limited number of knitting needles and yarn will be available to use on a first come first serve basis. Adults. 1/11, 2/8 from 5:30-7:00 PM.

**Kid's Craft** – Join us for a monthly kids craft on third Tuesdays to make fun and seasonal items, perfect for kids to keep, display, or give as gifts. Aimed at ages 7 – 11. Younger may participate with an adult caregiver. Supplies are limited - registration required. 1/16, 2/20 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM

**Cooking with Cathy for Teens** – Teens get hands on experience to learn how to use kitchen tools and practice cooking skills on the third Wednesday of the month. Supplies are limited - registration required. Ages 12-17. 1/17, 2/21 from 4:30-6:00 PM.

**Art in the Library**- This popular fine art program changes themes monthly, and takes place on third Thursdays at 5:30 PM. Call the library for this month's project. Registration required. Adults. 1/18, 2/15 from 5:30-7:00 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. 1/23, 2/27 from 10:15 AM - 12:15 PM.

**Recent Release Book Club**- A new monthly book club for adults on the fourth Tuesday of the month. January's title is *Lucy by the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout, and February's title is *The Exiles* by Christina Baker Kline. Pick up a copy of this month's title at the library. Adults. 1/23, 2/27 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

**Kids Cook** - Kids aged 7-11 will have fun cooking (and eating!) while learning valuable skills, such as reading and following a recipe, basic math and chemistry, and fine motor dexterity on fourth Wednesdays. Younger kids are welcome to participate with an adult to help. Supplies are limited – registration required. 1/24, 2/28 from 4:30- 5:30 PM.

**How to Make Money as a Freelance Writer**- Local author John Riddle leads this workshop on earning money through freelance writing. Every freelance writer dreams about making money using the gift of creative communication. In this workshop, you'll learn how to successfully navigate the publishing world and make money as a freelance writer. Whether you are a new writer, or one who has lots of experience getting published, the tips and ideas will help you meet your goals: more bylines, and more checks! Learn about School Library Publishers, Specialty Newsletters, Greeting Cards, Press Releases, Gift Book Publishers, Textbook Publishers and much more. Adults. 1/27, 12:00- 1:00 PM. Registration requested.

**Valentine Mug Making in the Maker Space**- Design and create a Valentine's Day themed mug. Participants will learn the basics of the Cricut Design Space, how to cut infusible ink sheets with a Cricut Maker 3, and how to use a mug press. Ages 12+. 2/12, 5:30 – 7:00 PM. Registration required.

**Douglass Day Transcribe-a-thon**- We invite you to a birthday party for Frederick Douglass! Although Douglass never knew his birthdate, he chose to celebrate every year on February 14th. We celebrate this date with a drop-in program with the goal of creating new and freely available resources for learning about Black history together by transcribing Douglass' correspondence. The transcription will be performed at the Library via *By The People*, a citizen science platform initiated by the Library of Congress. Adults and children are encouraged to pair up for this project. All ages. 2/14, 4:00- 7:00 PM.

For additional programs at the library please visit our website at <http://delawarecity.lib.de.us> or like us on Facebook!  
Register for programs at [delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/delawarecity](http://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/calendar/delawarecity).

**Questions? Call the library at 302-834-4148.**



## Delaware City Tree Commission

In 2024, (based on funds we receive/find) the tree commission will plant trees outside of the “main” streets, moving into side streets, Harbor Estates, and other areas in town to help add shade and beauty with appropriately sized trees avoiding future damages. The Tree Commission will be selecting trees that are the appropriate size for the planting location. Smaller trees for areas between street and sidewalks to eliminate sidewalk damage in the future. Larger trees for park areas. You can help increase tree cover and diversity of tree species, by planting a tree/shrub in your property. Now is a good time to decide where you’d like to plant a tree in your own yard. Looking for shade in the summer - plant deciduous (drops all leaves in fall). Looking for a windbreak, shade all year, green color all year - plant evergreen (keeps leaves like pine, magnolia, etc.).

Planting trees helps increase our tree cover, diversity of ecosystem, pollution control, value and beauty of the city and your home. Planting location, surrounding area, walks, potential construction, planting site all help determine which tree is best suited for that location. Use this list as a guide for your own tree planting. If everyone plants something different, it helps increase diversity making it a better ecosystem for all. If a disease/insect attacks one type of tree, then we still have many others that will survive.

Trees that the Delaware City Tree Commission and DE State Forestry have approved as city trees.

Email: [delawarecitytrees@gmail.com](mailto:delawarecitytrees@gmail.com)

How do you decide which tree? If you’re planting a new tree, find out how large it will be at maturity. The rule of thumb is to plant the tree as far from the house as its height at maturity. This will not only protect your foundation, it will protect your house if the tree falls in a storm.

### **Will tree roots break pipes and foundations?**

Roots are not strong enough to “drill or break into” pipes. If there is an existing leak, roots will seek out the water and grow into the already existing crack. If you tie a rope around a tree, it will not “break” the rope. In fact the rope limits the growth of the tree (Please remove ropes, lights, etc to keep a tree healthy). The tree doesn’t have that “strength” or power to break ropes, sealed pipes, or solid house foundations.

Although it is possible for tree roots to affect freestanding walls, they are far less likely to cause direct damage to house foundations as the resisting force is so much greater than anything the root can exert. When roots meet a solid object they tend to grow laterally, rather than downwards. Roots will also seek out and follow moisture from any source, including the condensation naturally created on the outside walls of a building.

Questions? Want to help? Email: [delawarecitytrees@gmail.com](mailto:delawarecitytrees@gmail.com)

## Delaware City Senior Center

**Start 2024 off with a **BANG!** Join the Senior Center  
Monday & Tuesday, 10-1pm  
At the Library!**

## Meetings



### Mayor & Council:

Monday, January 22nd at 6:30\* p.m.

Monday, February 26th at 6:30\* p.m.

Monday, March 18th at 6:30\* p.m.

Location:  
Delaware City Fire Hall

### Planning Commission:

Monday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 5th at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Location:  
Delaware City Community Center

### Historic Preservation Commission:

Tuesday, January 2nd at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 5th 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](http://www.delawarecity.org)

## DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY



On Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting **Designer Bag (Kors, Coach, & Kate) Bingo!**

Proceeds will benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Delaware City Fire Company

Prices: \$30 for 20 games and \$10 for an additional games, All ticket sales at the door!

Food/Drinks are available

Doors open at 12 PM and games will start at 1PM

**Must be 18+ to enter!**

On Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> we will be hosting the DCFC **Drag Brunch!**

Get ready to experience a dazzling extravaganza of music, comedy, and jaw-dropping performances by the most talented drag queens in town.

Doors open at 10:30 AM with buffet style brunch from 11-12PM, followed by the show at 12:30 PM

Prices: \$45 for tickets, find the link on Facebook - Delaware City Fire Company

**Must be 18+ to enter and 21+ to drink with a valid ID**

For more information check our Facebook page!

@Delaware City Fire Company

# Purpose

MINISTRIES

Looking for hope or a purpose? Join us for our Weekly Services in-person and on zoom!

## WEEKLY SERVICE TIMES

### SUNDAY SERVICES

Curious about your faith or just want to meet new people? Come in-person on Sundays!

### PURPOSE RECAP

Come join us every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on Zoom for a Bible Study where we recap the most interesting topics of the week.

### PURPOSE HOUR PRAYER

Need some prayer? Join us on Zoom every weekday at 6 a.m.

### FRESH FIRE

Want to meet some new people and grow your faith? Come through every last Friday of the month for the hottest (pun intended) youth gathering in the city!

This month's gathering is:

Friday, January 26, 8 p.m.

### IN-PERSON GATHERINGS

150 Clinton Street, Delaware City DE 19706

### ZOOM MEETINGS

All meetings will be held on Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/8739013308>

Password: purpose

Type in this number if you are logging directly from Zoom: 8739013308

Password: purpose

Dial this number if you are using a phone to call in: 13126266799,,8739013308#

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## **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.

**NOTICE:**

**SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

A SPECIAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE DELAWARE CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, 250 FIFTH STREET, IN THE GYMNASIUM ON TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 NOON AND 8:00 P.M. TO ELECT (1) COUNCILMEMBER TO COMPLETE THE TERM OF A VACANT COUNCIL SEAT, THE TERM WILL RUN TO THE APRIL 2025 ELECTION.

THE LAST DATE FOR FILING AS A COUNCILMEMBER IS TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024, BY 4:30 PM.

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE POSTING FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR 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 MARCH 5, 2024 ELECTION IS NECESSARY, BY FEBRUARY 5, 2024. YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE AT [Ivote.de.gov](https://ivote.de.gov). IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT TOWNHALL.

**THE LAST DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL AS A CANDIDATE IS WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024, 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 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2024.

**LAST DATE TO REQUEST APPLICATION TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2024 BY 4:30 PM.**

LAST DATE TO RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 BY 8:00PM. IF RETURNING ON MARCH 5, 2024, 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](http://www.delawarecity.org).**

**NOTICE:**

**MUNICIPAL ELECTION**

A MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE DELAWARE CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, 250 FIFTH STREET, IN THE GYMNASIUM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 NOON AND 8:00 P.M. TO ELECT THREE (3) COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS EACH.

THE LAST DATE FOR FILING AS A COUNCILMEMBER IS MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024, 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 13, 2024, 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 9:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.**

APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2024.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024.

**LAST DATE TO REQUEST APPLICATION TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS  
FRIDAY, MARCH 29, 2024 BY 4:30 PM.**

LAST DATE TO RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2024 BY 8:00PM. IF RETURNING ON APRIL 2, 2024, YOU MUST DROP IT OFF AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER GYMNASIUM, 250 FIFTH STREET.

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**2024 RECYCLING SCHEDULE**

**NOTICE**  
**2024**

THE BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING PICK-UP WILL  
 CONTINUE TO BE PICKED UP ON MONDAYS,

THE SCHEDULE FOR 2024 IS AS FOLLOWS:



<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>1, 15, 29</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>12, 26</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>11, 25</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>8, 22</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>6, 20</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>3, 17</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>1, 15, 29</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>12, 26</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9, 23</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>7, 21</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>4, 18</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>2, 16, 30</b>