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> Town Hall will be CLOSED

September 4, 2023 In Observance of Labor Day

CITY NEWS

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JULY 2023

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FAMILY FRIENDS FUN

Delaware City Day Saturday, October 7th, 2023

Mark your calendars for Delaware City Day 2023 to be held Saturday, October 7th! The event starts at 10:00 am with our downtown businesses open, vendors in Battery Park, music throughout the day, and food trucks along the Branch Canal. The Children's Area at the Library will be open from 11:00 am - 6:00 pm. The Parade will start at 1:00 pm along Clinton Street, and Fireworks at dusk. Shuttle buses will be available throughout Delaware City all day.

Volunteers are needed on the day of the event to help out in various roles, including shuttle bus drivers. Free volunteer t-shirts will be provided. Please email info@delawarecityday.com for more information.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @delcityday and visit our website at <u>www.delawarecityday.com</u>.









Delaware City Events for July- September 2023

Don't forget to sign up for Summer with the Library! Kids, teens, and adults are invited to participate in reading and activities throughout the summer for a chance to win prizes. Stop by the library to register or register online at https://nccde.beanstack.org.

BRAND NEW! In addition to a selection of over 40 vinyl records, you can now check out a portable record player with your library card. More Library of Things items coming soon!

Kids Daily Program: July / August - Garden Maintenance and Summer Harvest- Get your hands dirty! Help maintain the Library's container garden crops - we'll be watering, weeding, tending to a new composter, and adding additional plants to the containers. We'll harvest the fruits (and vegetables) of our

labor as they come up for use in the Library's cooking programs. See a Library staff member to take part in these daily programs. **Cooking with Cathy** – Teens explore cooking from around the world this summer at Delaware City Library. In July, tempt your taste buds with a Middle Eastern pastry, baklava. In August, teens will make traditional Chinese green tea moon cakes. Registration required. Ages 12-17. 8/16, 9/20 from 4:30-6 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. 8/22, 9/26 from 10:15 - 12:15 PM. Recent Release Book Club- A new monthly book club for adults on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Pick up a copy of this month's title at the library. Adults.

8/22, 9/26 from 6-7:30 PM.

Kids Cooking - Kids will explore international cuisines this summer at the library. Aimed at kids 7-11. Younger kids may attend with an adult caregiver to help. In July, we're making Moroccan cookies and South African rice. In August, we'll roll up veggie sushi. Supplies are limited – registration required. 8/23, 9/27 from 4:30- 5:30 PM

Preschool Story Time- A weekly story time on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM focused on early literacy. We'll read a few stories and play a game during our time together. This summer we welcome special guest readers! While this program is aimed at pre-school age children, we welcome kids of all ages. A parent or caregiver MUST be present during the program. Registration requested. Guest readers: - Mayor Paul Johnson, 8/1 - Delaware City Police, 8/8 - Delaware City Fire

Company. Tuesdays, 10- 10:30 AM. Art in the Library- This popular fine art program changes themes monthly, and takes place on Thursdays at 5:30 PM. Call the library for this month's project. Registration required. Adults. 8/24, 9/21 from 5:30-7 PM.

Summer Wellness Series - The summer wellness series focuses on a different area of self-care each month. The July session will focus on self-care through meditative and skincare practices, and August will be an introduction to Tai Chi. Adults. Adults. Registration requested. 8/28 from 4-5 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. This is an In-person event at the Delaware City Library. 8/5, 8/19, 9/2, 9/16 from 1-2 PM.

First Monday Movies for Kids - Beat the heat! Come in for cool refreshments and a kid-friendly flick on first Mondays this summer. Aimed at ages 7-11 but younger children may participate with an adult caregiver. 8/7 from I-3 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 records or

bring your own! Light refreshments provided. Registration requested. Adults. 8/8, 9/12 from 6-7 PM.

Teens of the World- Each month this summer, we explore teen life through music, fashion, food and more from different regions of the world. In August we

explore the pop culture of Asia. Ages 12-17. 8/9 from 5-6 PM. Kids Cook Summer Special – Ice Cream in a Bag – Cool off with a creamy treat! Learn to make individual servings of ice cream. Add fun toppings to your delicious creation. Supplies are limited - registration required. 8/10 from 4:30 - 5:30 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. 8/10, 9/14 from 5:30-7 PM.

Summer Reading Ice Cream Social Wrap-Up - International Style - Celebrate the end of the Summer Reading Challenge with the social event of the season featuring wacky international ice cream flavors made by Delaware City Library staff members. We will also have some typical ice cream flavors from

Woodside Creamery as well. Drop in 8/12 from 12:00 – 3:00 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. 8/14, 9/11 from 4:30 -5:30 PM

Energy Conservation Workshop with the ECA (Energy Coordinating Agency) - The Energy Coordinating Agency of DNREC joins us for a free energy conservation workshop. Learn the cost of water and how to conserve it, what utility assistance programs are available, how airflow works and how to control it to meet your needs, and more. Everyone who attends receives a free energy saving kit! Adults. Registration requested. 8/14 from 6-7:30 PM.

Kids Craft: Carp Windsock- Learn about this traditional Japanese craft by making your very own carp windsock that represents celebrate children's day! For kids. Registration required. 8/15 from 4:30-5:3- 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



Come join in the fun!! Monday & Tuesday 10-1pm Monday join us for cards! Tuesday we play Bingo! The Coffee pot is always on!! Stop in and see us!!

DELAWARE CITY TREE COMMISSION

Trees grow and the trunks need to be free of cords, leftover Christmas lights and vines. Lights/cords will slowly restrict the tree trunk and it's like putting a belt on a child and never changing the sizing. It cuts off the growth and restricts it. Vines (ivy, etc.) growing up the tree will weigh it down, restrict growth and the roots of the vine can even grow into the tree using the tree as food, putting the tree on a "diet" that's not good.

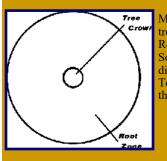


Please carefully cut off vines from trees at the bottom of the ground where they are growing up without cutting the tree trunk. The "vessels" moving food and water up and down the tree are just under the protective bark not in the center of the tree.

Carefully remove wires, cords or anything else restricting the tree trunks or branches. This will help the tree be healthier and last longer.

If it hasn't rained much by the time this article gets to you, water your trees, slowly and deeply to about 6-8 inches and wide around the tree as the roots grow out farther than you may realize.

Quick Facts... from: https://extension.colostate.edu/topic-areas/yard-garden/healthy-roots-and-healthy-trees-2-926/



Most tree roots are located in the top 6 to 24 inches of the soil and occupy an area two to four times the diameter of the tree crown.

Roots obtain water, oxygen and minerals from soil. They do not grow toward anything or in any particular direction. Soil compaction, change in soil depth and improper watering can injure roots, increasing stress and susceptibility to disease and insects.

To avoid root disease, maintain a healthy, vigorous environment around a tree. Once a root system is severely affected, the tree usually must be removed.

MEETINGS

Mayor & Council:

Monday, August 21 at 6:30* p.m. Delaware City Community Center

Monday, Sept 18th at 6:30* p.m. Delaware City Communi</mark>ty Center

Monday, October 16th at 6:30* p.m. Delaware City Community Center

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

Planning Commission:

Monday, August 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept 11th at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Location: Delaware City Community Center Historic Preservation Commission:

Tuesday, August 2nd at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept 5th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, October 3rd at 7 p.m.

Location: Delaware City Community Center

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

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 6, 2023, Rev. Elisa Diller

August 13, 2023, Rourke Moore

August 20, 2023, Rev. Debbie Johnson

August 27, 2023, Rev. Elisa Diller

September 3, 2023 No Church Service will be held due to Labor Day Weekend

September 17, 2023 Community Dinner from 3:00 -5:00 PM

DRAGON RUN PARK



Mark your calendar for our **FREE** Annual Water Park Party on August 19, 2023 from 1:00 to 4:00. Free food and waterslides. Please bring your own towels and chairs to sit on. Everyone is responsible to monitor your own children! Please don't let them go down the water slides unattended!

Also, Please follow us on Facebook and check the post office for flyers regarding any up an coming events!

Anyone wishing to lend a hand to any of our events, please email us at Dragon.run.park@gmail.com

For Hall rental information, Please call 302-834-0662

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DELAWARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Delaware City Police would like to Announce the addition of Lieutenant Bobbie Cummings to our Department.

Lieutenant Cummings was Sworn in by Mayor Johnson the beginning of July.



DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

11/19 Holiday Vendor Market - Vendors spots start at \$20 & 1 raffle donation. Contact Brittany at <u>Bwoodardevents@yahoo.com</u> to secure your spot.







As storm water runoff flows over land surfaces—pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs—it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water. Polluted runoff is the

nation's greatest threat to clean water. In efforts to control storm water

pollution, we must consider individual, household, and public behaviors and

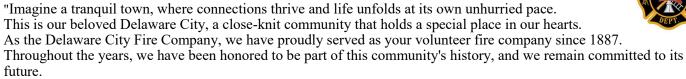
activities that can stop pollution from these surfaces. Here are some common individual behaviors you can do to help prevent storm water pollution:

- * Always pick up your doggie's doo! Doggie doo can wash into our streams and rivers and introduce disease-causing bacteria.
- * Pick up litter from your yard and storm drains.
- * Use natural products whenever possible! Toxic substances like insect sprays and moth balls should be used as little as possible
- * Plant more trees and flowers! It will make your yard more beautiful, and make it more difficult for chemicals to reach waterways.
- * Recycle as much as possible!
- * Check your vehicle for oil leaks and drips on a regular basis. When you find a leak, fix it promptly.
- * Collect oil in containers with a tight fitting lid. Old milk jugs are perfect!
- * Never dump motor oil, antifreeze or other engine fluids down the storm drain or into the ground.
- * Wash your car at a car wash that filters water, this will prevent oil from your car from entering the ground water
- Use ground cloths under your vehicle whenever doing engine repair. Clean up all spills that happen in a timely matter.

It takes everyone doing their part to control pollution.

Only rain down the drain!

DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY



We understand that change is inevitable. From an all-volunteer force to supplemented and full-time paid staffing, we have adapted to meet the evolving needs of our community. In recent years, we have expanded our full-time positions and embraced part-time staffing.

Volunteerism has seen a decline in America, yet we know that the desire to give back remains strong. During the pandemic, we witnessed many of you stepping up to support your communities. From helping at testing sites to checking on isolated seniors, supporting local food banks, and providing virtual mentoring for students, you demonstrated your unwavering dedication.

At the Delaware City Fire Company, we value all contributions. Our members come from diverse backgrounds, bringing a wealth of skills and talents honed over a lifetime. We recognize that great efforts are only accomplished through the collective work of many hands.

In return for their dedication, our volunteers enjoy valuable benefits including the volunteer firemen's pension and a yearly tax credit from the State of Delaware. We provide scholarships to support the growth of our young members and cadets. Safety is paramount, and we invest significantly in training our volunteers to effectively respond to community needs.

If you've considered a career change into public safety, start by filling out an application at our fire company. Many of our dedicated volunteers have successfully transitioned to fulfilling roles as full-time Firefighters and EMTs. The fact that experienced professionals choose to volunteer speaks volumes about the purpose and camaraderie within our work.

To all who aspire to be part of something greater—part of their community—we extend an open invitation. Step through our doors and join us on this remarkable journey. For those who have supported us with donations, rest assured, we remain steadfast in our commitment to earn your trust through unwavering dedication. Together, let us forge ahead, united in our shared purpose to make a lasting impact"

To learn more and see what we're up to, find us at dcfc15.com, instagram.com/delawarecityfire, or at facebook.com/DelawareCityFire!







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