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(302) 834-4573

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Paul H. Johnson, Sr

Vice Mayor:

Betty Barrett

Council Members:

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Michael Jackson
Dan Saunders

Finance Manager:

Michelle Graham

City Manager:

(VACANT)

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 **March 29, 2024**
In Observance of
Good Friday

CITY NEWS

DELAWARECITY.ORG

2024 COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

The Delaware City Police Department (DCPD) had the pleasure of awarding the 2024 Community Service Award to Kathleen McMichael. Mrs. McMichael dedicates her time to picking up debris to keep the town clean and presentable. Congratulations Mrs. McMichael and thank you for your service and pride for our community!



Mrs. McMichael and Chief Henderson



UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **Annual Yard Sale**

Date: Saturday, April 27, 2024
Time: 8 AM– 5 PM

Large item pick up: Monday, April 29, 2024

If you are not a Delaware City Resident but desire to arrange a space, contact the Delaware City Fire Company at (302)420-2927.

- **Juneteenth Celebration**

Date: May 25, 2024– June 19, 2024

The Friends of the African Union Cemetery in collaboration with the Delaware City Library, Main Street Delaware City, Inc., and the Mt. Salem UAME Church will be hosting a variety of educational/cultural events. Events will include:

- Essay and artwork challenge
- Community Barbecue
- Evening of R& B and Soul AND MORE!

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Delaware City Library Events for March-April 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. 3/6, 4/3 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. 3/16, 4/6, 4/20 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. New activities on the second Monday of the month. March's date has been moved back a week to allow for an eclipse-themed program – attendees receive a pair of eclipse glasses! 3/18, 4/8 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. The March session celebrates Women's History Month with a women in rock theme. Registration requested. Adults. 3/12, 4/9 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. 3/13, 4/10 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. 3/14, 4/11 from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Blood Drive at the Delaware City Library - Blood Bank of Delmarva visits the library for a blood drive March 18th. The Blood Bank's mobile bus will be in the back parking lot of 250 5th Street, Delaware City, DE, 19706. Book a time slot at https://donate.bbd.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/9798. 3/18, 1:00- 6:00 PM.

Kids's Craft – Monthly kids craft on third Tuesdays! 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. In March, attendees will receive a copy of the Longwood Reads graphic novel version of "A Secret Garden" and make a Secret Garden terrarium. In April, kids will make seed bombs! Supplies are limited - registration required. 3/19, 4/16 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 third Wednesday of the month. March is Copycat Shamrock Shakes and April is quesadillas! Supplies are limited-registration required. Ages 12-17. 3/20, 4/17 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. During the March session we will celebrate the upcoming solar eclipse by making eclipse and space themed artwork with alcohol ink on Yupo paper. Participants will receive a free pair of eclipse glasses to view the solar eclipse taking place on April 8th. Registration required. Adults. 3/21, 4/18 from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Recent Release Book Club- A new monthly book club for adults on the fourth Tuesday of the month. The March selection is the Longwood Community Read title *The Last Garden in England* by Julia Kelly. The April selection is the New Castle County Reads title *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb. Free copies of these titles are available courtesy of Longwood Gardens and New Castle County Reads for book club participants. Pick up a copy of this month's title at the library. Adults. 3/26, 4/23 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. 3/27, 4/24 from 4:30- 5:30 PM.

Cavemen VS The Eclipse – Kids and teens are invited to take part in a Choose-Your-Own Adventure story. YOU star in the adventure and YOU choose what action to take as prehistoric humans try to figure out how to react to the disappearance of the sun. Participants will receive a pair of eclipse glasses. Younger kids are welcome to participate with an adult to help. Supplies are limited – registration required. 4/2 from 4:30- 5:30 PM.

Delaware City Library Book Sale - The annual Town Wide Yard Sale is April 27 – drop by the Library to check out the books, magazine bundles, DVDs, audiobooks, and other items for sale. All proceeds from the Book Sale benefit the Library – making it possible for the Library to continue to provide new media and programs for the Delaware City community! TOTE BAG SPECIAL - buy a Delaware City Library tote bag and fill it up for \$15. 4/27, 11:00 AM – 3:30 PM.

Star Wars Day with the 1st State Garrison – During the Library's book sale, meet Star Wars characters and participate in Star Wars activities at the Delaware City Library! 4/27, 12:00 – 3:00 PM.

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

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

Delaware City Tree Commission



Trees and potential damage that can be prevented.

During the winter months (which typically extend through February or March), is a good time to prune trees for size, density, and crossing or rubbing branches. If trees are not leafing out you are safe to prune. Otherwise wait until tree has leafed out unless there is danger of damage to something else.

The following diagram is from an excellent online page regarding trimming and pruning.

To read the entire article see <https://deepgreenpermaculture.com/2019/07/07/tree-pruning-how-to-remove-tree-branches-correctly/>
When removing branches, DO NOT make the pruning cut flush with the trunk or parent branch as this will damage the branch collar.

At the base of every branch is a distinct bulge where it connects to the trunk of the tree or an older branch, known as the branch collar.

Do not cut or damage the collar area with your tools.

We are still getting questions from concerned Del City residents about root damage concerns. Damage is a result of roots exerting pressure on a structure: if the force is greater than the resisting force, damage will occur. We often see this in towns where tree roots have lifted paviers or cracked Tarmac. We are working to prevent this by planting the correct type of tree for the planned location (smaller at max height, normal shape and size of the root structure), and through using planting techniques designed to allow trees to blend with and thrive in an urban environment. The Delaware City Approved Tree Species List was approved by the Delaware State Forestry Division and these were some of their criteria for trees selected for planting by the City. We are also working on recommendations to our City Leadership regarding root damage to our sidewalks from City trees.

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, such as rainwater runoff from gutters that is allowed to pool near the house foundation.

Some larger trees growing near a concrete slab patio/sidewalk can have roots that grow under the concrete that may cause the horizontal pad to be lifted and cracked. What happens MORE OFTEN is that as the root draws water, the soil slumps, and the pad cracks due to not enough pressure from underneath. If you keep the tree watered, this can help slow/eliminate this from happening.

For mature trees near homes, best advice is to keep them watered in summer and keep the shrubs and perennials near your foundation watered. This will keep your soil suitably compacted around the foundation.

Senior Center

March into the senior center and join us for cards, bingo, coffee, puzzling, fellowship and more.



Monday & Tuesday
10-1pm
At the library!



Meetings

Mayor & Council:

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

Monday, April 15th at 6:30* p.m.

Monday, May 20th at 6:30* p.m.

Monday, June 17th at 6:30* p.m.

Location:
Delaware City Fire Hall

Planning Commission:

Monday, April 1st at 6:30 p.m.

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

Monday, June 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Location:
Delaware City Community Center

Historic Preservation Commission:

Tuesday, April 9th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 7th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, June 4th 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

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!

Our next gathering will be:

April 26, 2024 at 8 PM

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#

NO LIMITS CONFERENCE

Friday, March 29, 2024 12 PM-6 PM

Saturday, March 30, 2024 10 AM- 4 PM

Sunday, March 31, 2024 (EASTER) 9:30 AM

Have you been feeling like there is an area or areas of your life where you've been stuck? Well, we've all been there before and have tried to either successfully or unsuccessfully take that step into the next phase of our life. But what if we told you didn't have to do this alone and that *God* has a plan already set in motion for you to succeed bigger than your wildest dreams or imaginations?

Come join us for this year's NO LIMITS conference and be prepared to see how the power and presence of *Jesus* can help you break limits off of your life.

TO STAY UPDATED, FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM @WEAREPMCHURCH AND OUR YOUTH MINISTRY @FRESHFIREVMNT

Reedy Point Players

Delaware City's own Reedy Point Players are at it again this year by staging another original production:

The world premiere of the comedy "Thank You Willie Sutton"

When: The first two weekends of April

Where: The Delaware City Community Center



Directed by Reedy Point's "go to" master of original productions – Bill Potter – this story takes a comic swipe at the serious topic of sky high prescription drug prices and asks the question, "What would happen if a group of senior citizens decided to break into pharmacies to get drugs they and their friends couldn't afford?"

Come find out this spring and get your tickets early at <https://reedypointplayers.ticketleap.com/thank-you-willie-sutton/>

DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY



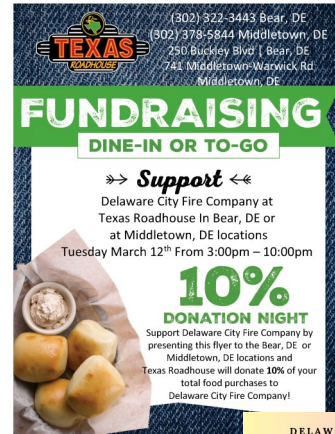
- **Texas Roadhouse Fundraising**

Date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024

Time: 3 PM– 10 PM

Locations: 250 Buckley Blvd Bear, DE 19701 *or*
741 Middletown Warwick Rd Middletown, DE 19709
Ten percent (10%) of your total food purchases will go to the Delaware City Fire Company!

Be sure to present the attached flyer at checkout!



- **Candle Basket Raffle**

Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2024

We are raffling off Bath & Body Works Candles that total \$220!

The basket includes the following scents:

Fresh Cut Lilacs, Island Margarita,
Black Cherry Merlot, Ocean Driftwood, Stress Relief,
Champagne Toast, & Frosted Coconut Snowball

Prices: 1 Ticket= \$2 3 Tickets=\$5 7 Tickets=\$10

See any member or email cheryl@cpdennis@dcfc15.com



- **Delaware City Fire Company Annual Open House**

Date: Sunday, October 27, 2024

Time: 10 AM– 2 PM (Open House) 11:30 PM (Costume Contest)

Save the date for our Annual Open House which will feature kids activities, a smokehouse, a moon bounce, and more! We will also be having a Halloween themed Costume Contest later that evening!

For more information check our Facebook page! @ Delaware City Fire Company

Dragon Run Park

- **Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Date: Saturday, March 23, 2024 Rain Date: Sunday, March 24, 2024

Time: 1:00 PM

Where: Delaware City Library



- We are in need of Volunteers to pick up sticks at our playground area. If anyone knows a group that needs volunteer hours, this would be a great opportunity.

Our Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 6:00pm in the Dragon Run Hall and are open to the public. Please attend if you would like to lend us a hand or have any ideas.

Please follow us on Facebook and check the Post Office for flyers regarding any up and coming events!

Anyone wishing to lend a hand at our events? Email: Dragon.run.park@gmail.com

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



First Presbyterian Church

138 Jefferson St., Delaware City

Services held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

138 Jefferson St., Delaware City

March

3 Rev. Elisa Diller

10 Rourke Moore, CRE

17 Rev. Debbie Johnson, Coffee Hour

24 Palm Sunday, Rev. Debbie Johnson

Community Dinner, 3-5pm, Take-out or Eat-in

Menu: Hearty Chili, Roll, Salad, Dessert

31 Easter Sunday, Rourke Moore, CRE, Communion Served

April

7 Rev. Elisa Diller, Congregational Meeting immediately following Worship Service

14 Rourke Moore, CRE

21 Rev. Debbie Johnson

28 Rev. Debbie Johnson

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.

STORMWATER

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!



"A Historic Past"



"A Bright Future"

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MARCH 7, 2024


NOTICE

CANCELLATION OF ELECTION

ELECTION CERTIFICATION

ONLY TWO (2) OFFICIAL CANDIDATES FILED FOR THE THREE (3) AVAILABLE COUNCIL POSITIONS IN DELAWARE CITY'S MUNICIPAL ELECTION THIS YEAR; THEREFORE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 8-08 OF THE DELAWARE CITY CHARTER AND CODE BOOK CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE II, ELECTIONS, THERE WILL BE NO FORMAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION IN DELAWARE CITY IN 2024. NO VOTING MACHINES WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE FOR VOTING OR FOR WRITE-IN CAMPAIGNS ON THE DAY OF ELECTION.

THE OFFICIAL CANDIDATES FOR COUNCILMEMBERS ARE MICHAEL L. JACKSON AND JOHN L. ROBERTS. THEY WILL BE SWORN INTO OFFICE AT THE APRIL 15, 2024 MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.


TIMOTHY DILLIPLANE, CHAIRPERSON
DELAWARE CITY BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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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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:



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