



CITY NEWS

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Beth Konkus
Michelle Cornish
Betty Barrett
Dan Saunders

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Delaware City Fire Hall
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Library
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Fire Hall Rental
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Park Building Rental
(302) 834-0662

MAY 2023

ELECTION RESULTS



The Delaware City Municipal Election was held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Congratulations go out to Mayor Paul H. Johnson Sr. and Council Members William Daniel Saunders and Michelle Cornish on their Re-Election. They were sworn in on Monday April 17, 2023. Vice Mayor Betty Barrett was Re-Elected and Sworn in as Vice Mayor. We extend our thanks to all the Candidates who ran for office!

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AT VETERANS POINT



The Members of Robert L. Taylor Post 13 of the American Legion will be hosting its Annual Memorial Day Services at Veterans Point. Services will be held on Monday May 29, 2023. Services will begin at 10:30 a.m.

ATTENTION DOG OWNERS—PET ETIQUETTE



Please remember to pick-up your dog's waste when walking your dog around town.

Town Hall has been receiving numerous complaints about dog owners not removing their pet's waste from public and/or other people's private property. There are regulations governing pet owner's responsibilities: Delaware City Code Chapter 24, Article IV, Sections 21—24 which carries penalties and fines for non-compliance.

Take a disposable bag along on your walks. There are dispensers with disposable bags in Battery Park and trash receptacles to deposit the bag into. For the wellbeing of everyone,
PLEASE BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR PET.

*All dogs should be properly restrained by collar and leash—Delaware City Code Chapter 24

Delaware city police department would like to encourage those with pets to register them with our department. The pet registry allows our officers to return these beloved animals to their proper owners without the involvement of animal services. All you need to do is provide us with the name of your pet, the owners name, address and phone number and a picture of the pet in question. If you don't have a photo, we would be glad to take one for you!

With the warmer weather coming up, please be mindful of leaving your pets outside and please don't leave your pets locked in your vehicle.

Town Hall will be CLOSED

May 29, 2023

June 19, 2023

July 4, 2023



Delaware City Events for June - July 2023

Summer with the Library begins on June 1st! 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://ncde.beanstack.org>.

NEW! Check out vinyl records with your library card! Only at the Delaware City Library! Our selection includes classic rock, pop, modern rock, hip-hop, country, reggae, and soul. Stop by the circulation desk for a list of available titles.

Kids Daily Program: June - Garden Maintenance and July – 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. By July, we should be seeing the fruits (and vegetables) of our labor! See a Library staff member to take part in these daily programs.

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 surprise guests! Check our calendar of events for these special story times. 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. Tuesdays, 10- 10:30 AM.

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. 6/5, 7/3 from 1-3 PM.

Multicultural History of Stamp Collecting- Take a tour of the world through stamps! The library welcomes local stamp collectors with collections that span the late 1800's to present day. Collections span the areas of North America, The Netherlands, Europe, and Asia. Learn about changes in the printing process over the years, how to get started collecting stamps, and the effects of royalty and political transitions on stamps. Registration requested. Adults and families. 6/5 from 5:30-6:30 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. 6/8, 7/13 from 5:30-7 PM.

Summer Reading Kick-off: Multicultural Festival- Kick off this summer's Reading challenge with our Multicultural festival. We explore this year's theme of "All Together Now" by bringing you cultural games, crafts and foods from around the world! All ages. 6/9 from 4-7 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. 6/12, 7/10 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 records or bring your own! June's session spotlights LGBTQ+ artists such as Elton John, Queen, and Little Richard. July's session spotlights folk and Americana musicians including Dolly Parton, Woody Guthrie, Bob Dylan, and Johnny Cash. Light refreshments. Registration requested. Adults. 6/13, 7/11 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. Ages 12-17. 6/14, 7/12 from 5-6 PM.

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. 6/15, 7/20 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. This is an In-person event at the Delaware City Library. 6/17, 7/1, 7/15 from 1-2 PM.

Kids Craft: Guatemalan Worry Dolls- Learn about this traditional Guatemalan craft by making your very own worry doll! For kids. Registration required. 6/20 from 4:30-5:30 PM.

Cooking with Cathy – Teens explore cooking from around the world this summer at the library. In July, learn how easy it is to make the traditional Latin American dish, empanadas! In July, get your sugar rush on and learn to make the Middle Eastern layered pastry dessert, baklava! Registration required. Ages 12-17. 6/21, 7/19 from 4:30-6 PM.

Kids Cooking - Kids will explore international cuisines this summer at the library. In June, we'll make grilled street tacos- including whipping up our own guacamole to top them off! In July, we're going to make Moroccan no-bake coconut mimouna cookies AND learn to use an Instant Pot to make South African yellow rice. Aimed at kids 7-11. Younger kids may attend with an adult caregiver to help. Supplies are limited – registration required. 6/28, 7/23 from 4:30- 5:30 PM.

Summer Wellness Series – The summer wellness series focuses on a different area of self-care each month. June is Alzheimer's Awareness Month, and we celebrate by having a brain games program geared towards sharpening cognitive skills. Additionally, information for caregivers will be available from The Alzheimer's Association. The July session will focus on meditation. Adults. 6/26, 7/24 from 4-5 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. 6/27, 7/25 from 10:15 AM- 2:15 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. 6/27, 7/25 from 6-7:30 PM.

Juneteenth Celebration- Celebrate the Juneteenth holiday with special presentations from Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery, activity stations for kids, and an interactive art project from a local artist. 6/24 from 12-3 PM.

All Together Now with DASEF – This program, presented by the Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation (DASEF), features activities 1 focusing on friendship, kindness, and unity. We are all a piece of a bigger puzzle. Diversity is what makes things interesting & everyone brings a unique perspective to our lives and in our world. Activities will be STEM and STEAM related to encourage participants to be creative! Registration requested. 7/24 from 4:30 – 5:30 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.



SHREDDING & RECYCLING EVENT



Saturday, June 10, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Governor Bacon Parade Grounds at Fort DuPont



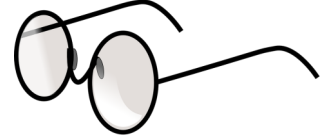
There will be a large shredder at the Parade Ground to use for shredding all your unwanted papers. You can also bring all your old electronic goods to dispose of and any household waste such as paints, cleaners, etc. Remember you cannot put electronics or household hazardous waste in your regular recycling carts! They must be disposed of in an environmentally safe way.

This event is sponsored by DSWA.

Visit www.DSWA.com and click on collection event schedule for all the details

DELAWARE CITY SENIOR CENTER

We're looking for you!
Join the senior center at the library
Monday & Tuesday
10-1pm



DELAWARE CITY TREE COMMISSION



Happy Summer. Notice the temperature change from being in sunshine to under the shade of a tree. Trees will help us feel more comfortable, save on AC costs in homes, and help the air be cleaner! The Tree Commission is here to help you in any tree selections you may want to make personally, and of course, adding and watching trees on public spaces! Contact us at: DelawareCityTrees@gmail.com for questions, concerns, and suggestions. We are sincerely grateful to the Delaware City Refinery as they have donated 6 trees that will be/have been planted in battery park. Give them time to settle in and literally get roots growing. Once underground roots are growing, the top will start growing too! We are also very grateful for the Delaware City Refinery's donation of books. And thank you so much for the library giving them out. The library graciously hosted the Arbor Day chat with the Tree Commission in April. Thank you to all who attended. If interested in updates - email DelawareCityTrees@gmail.com and ask to be on the update list.

The Tree Commission was in the Post Office lobby giving out books, handouts about trees and Arbor Day in April. We have also been given a grant to plant more trees in Delaware City. We continue to evaluate where these should go for the best long term investment and life span of the tree. If you know of funding sources, please email the Tree Commission. There is much work to be done as tree care, replacement and planning was put on hold as so many things were during the past Covid years. Please join us!

MEETINGS



Mayor & Council:

Monday, June 26th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, July 17th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, August 21st at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Planning Commission:

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

Monday, July 10th at 6:30 p.m.

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

Location:
Delaware City Community Center

Historic Preservation Commission:

Tuesday, June 6th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, July 11th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, August 1st 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



50/50 RAFFLE—Drawing takes place July 5th—Ticket Price 1 for \$1; 6 for \$5; 14 for \$10. Contact a member or email Cpdennis@dcfc15.com



6/15— Sub Sale—\$10 a Sub—Italian; Turkey; Ham & Cheese are available. Call 302.834.9336 to place your order.

We are always looking for new members (fire, ems, admin, ladies)- if you have time to spare and would love to be a part of us - stop by the firehouse.

Join the Delaware City Lions Club—call Will Poppe at 302-545-7262 for more information or a membership application.

DRAGON RUN PARK



Mark your calendar for our Annual Water Park Party on August 19, 2023 from 1:00 to 4:00.



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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FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Please join us for our church services at 10 am:

May 21, 2023, Rev. Debbie Johnson

May 28, 2023, No Church Service will be held due to Memorial Day Weekend

June 4, 2023, Rev. Elisa Diller, with Communion

June 11, 2023, Rourke Moore, CRE

June 18, 2023, Rev. Debbie Johnson, Father's Day

June 25, 2023, Rev. Elisa Diller

July 2, 2023, No Church Service will be held due to Fourth of July Weekend

July 9, 2023, Rourke Moore, CRE

July 16, 2023, Rev. Debbie Johnson

July 23, 2023, Rev. Elisa Diller

July 30, 2023, Rourke Moore, CRE



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

Looking Ahead:

September 17, 2023, 11:00 am – Jubilee with the Haman Family Choir and Luncheon (Note the time change for our service this Sunday.)

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.

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



Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in the water.

Stormwater pollution is one of Delaware's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of Stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of Delaware's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to Stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident or business, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

LIMIT YOUR USE OF FERTILIZERS & PESTICIDES

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

PROPERLY USE & DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn & garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.
- Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portion of Hazardous Products in your home or workplace. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Visit DSWA.com for locations to dispose of hazardous waste.

KEEP POLLUTION OUT OF STORM DRAINS

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark storm drains inlets with messages to remind people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other waste flow

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

- Pet owners or their keepers must pick-up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up waste.
- Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
- Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

DON'T LITTER

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle, Recycle, Recycle.
- Participate in Community cleanups.

DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE PROPERLY

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.
- When residents see evidence that someone has dumped chemicals or debris into the storm sewer system, here's what they can do:

-Visit <http://www.302STOPPIT.org> and fill out an online form

-Call or send a text message to (302) STOPPIT (302.786.7748) with the location and details

-Email hotline@302STOPPIT.org with the location and details

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit:

www.delawarecity.delaware.gov

www.nccde.org/223/stormwater-management

<https://deldot.gov/programs/stormwater>

www.epa.gov/npdes



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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

TOWNWIDE STREET SWEEPING

In accordance with our Stormwater Pollution Prevention & Management Plan, the City will be doing our Semi-annual street sweeping of the whole City. The street sweeping will occur on **Monday & Tuesday, July 10th & 11th**

We are asking that everyone remove their cars from the streets so the sweeper can easily pass down the curb. By sweeping the streets twice a year, it will help to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the storm sewer system and protect the water quality of nearby streams, rivers, wetlands and bays.

Thank you for your cooperation.

