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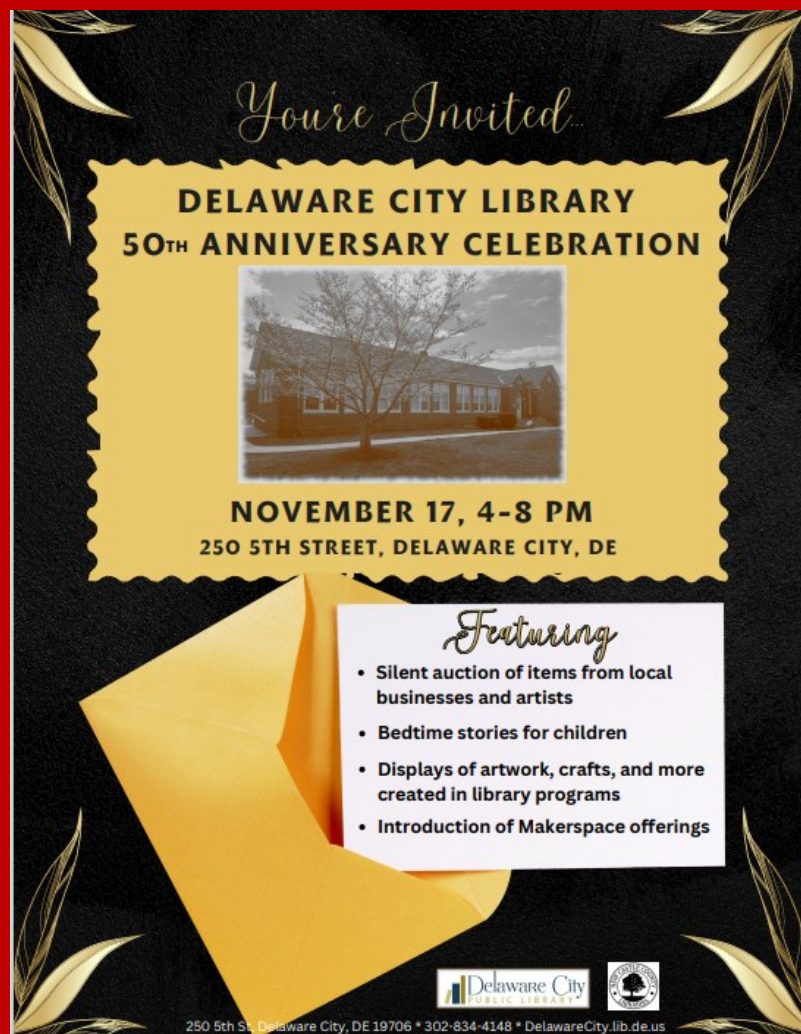
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Delaware City Library 50th Anniversary

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On November Join us to share stories and photos about the Library's history, a silent auction, delicious refreshments from local businesses, bedtime stories for the kids by community leaders, and displays and demos of the awesome programs and services Delaware City Library offers to the residents of our amazing community.

RSVP requested to <https://delawarelibraries.libcal.com/event/11305601>



You're Invited..

**DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY
50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



NOVEMBER 17, 4-8 PM
250 5TH STREET, DELAWARE CITY, DE

Featuring

- Silent auction of items from local businesses and artists
- Bedtime stories for children
- Displays of artwork, crafts, and more created in library programs
- Introduction of Makerspace offerings

Delaware City Public Library

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Delaware City Events for November - January 2023

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COMING SOON – 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. Introduction at the 50th Anniversary Celebration and Maker Space opens on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5:00 – 7:00 PM beginning November 27.

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.

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. 11/14, 12/13, 1/9 from 6:00 - 7:00 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. 11/15, 12/20 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. November's session is an exploration of Ancient Middle Eastern art, and December's session we paint a winter wonderland still life. Registration required. Adults. 11/16, 12/21 from 5:30-7:00 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. 11/18, 12/2, 12/16, 1/6 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM.

Slime Time for Kids: Fall Baking-Scented Slime – School's out, so we're making festive holiday baking-scented slime. Kids ages 7 – 11. Supplies are limited - registration required. 11/20 from 4:30 – 5:30 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. In November, we'll create personalized jigsaw puzzles. In December, we'll hold an extended session (4:30-6:30) for a Festival of Lights celebration. Supplies are limited - registration required. 11/21, 12/19 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM.

Kids Cooking - 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 a parent. November is pumpkin pie and December is cookie decorating. Supplies are limited – registration required. 11/22, 12/27 from 4:30- 5:30 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. 11/28 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. Pick up a copy of this month's title at the library. Adults. 11/28, 12/26 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

Kids Create: Gingerbread House - Put your engineer, construction, and designer skills to work to fashion gingerbread houses from graham crackers, frosting, and candy. Aimed at kids ages 7 – 11. Younger children may participate with an adult. Supplies are limited – registration required. 12/4 from 4:30 – 6:00 PM.

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. 12/6, 1/3 from 5:30 - 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. In December, we're going to use a few ingredients and elbow grease to make butter! 12/11, 1/8 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM.

Teen Culture – Join us second Wednesdays for popular culture, food, games, art, and other activities! The theme changes every month! In December, we'll hold a festive teen holiday party! Ages 12-17. Registration requested. 12/13, 1/10 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. 12/14, 1/11 from 5:30-7:00 PM.

Gift Wrapping Social Hour - Turn a boring holiday chore into a fun social hour at this program for adults. Bring your holiday gifts to the library, and wrap them with friends and community members! Enjoy holiday themes refreshments, music, and free wrapping supplies provided by the library! 12/18 from 6:00 - 7:00 PM.

Kids Build: Blanket Forts – Kids out of school and looking for fun? Come build blanket forts in pajamas at the library. 12/26 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM.

Escape Room for Kids, Teens, and Families: The Curse of the Spartan Sword - You must decode messages and follow clues using artifacts and field notes from an archeological dig to reverse an ancient Spartan curse before everyone is transformed into *vrykolakas*, an ancient Greek zombie/vampire. Geared towards older children, families, and teens. Registration required. 12/28 from 4:30 -7:30 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.

SPECIAL REMINDER:

WE HAVE RECEIVED SEVERAL COMPLAINTS ABOUT TRASH CANS BEING LEFT OUT PAST 24 HOURS. PLEASE RETURN ALL EMPTIED TRASH AND RECYCLING CANS (ONCE COLLECTED) TO THEIR DESIGNATED AREAS TO ENSURE THE CLEANLINESS OF OUR CITY AND TO BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR CODE!

DELAWARE CITY TREE COMMISSION



The Tree Commission is excited about the work that has been done this fall.

Dead trees have been removed and the worst trees have been pruned for safety. Due to Covid and other reasons, the current tree commission is trying to catch up with trees that need attention for safety. Please continue to let us or town hall know if you see city trees that need pruning. Thanks for your patience. You can email us at delawarecitytrees@gmail.com

We are excited that you may have seen new trees planted by now along Clinton, 5th street, park on 7th and Cox Neck and along the new parking area by the library. We are grateful for a grant matching city funds to plant these trees. Help us keep on eye on them. Don't let dogs mark them, and don't mow up to trunk and damage them.

This winter please continue to water any newly planted trees (and other plants) you have until it freezes. Winter is a good time to prune your own trees that may need some shaping or removal of dead branches.

Please remove any vines and old holiday lights from your trees as they strangle the tree.

If you'd like to assist on the tree commission, we welcome your involvement, email us! delawarecitytrees@gmail.com

Let us know if you like trees and want to help us on the tree commission! We need a variety of skills and talents.

Search out funds for more tree planting. If you have sources of funds (matching, in kind, grants or donations) to help plant trees, please let us know.

We continue to explore options for creating our own "nursery" of trees to have the species we want when we need them at less cost.

Thanks for your support! We look forward to continuing the planting care and growth of current trees.

MEETINGS



Mayor & Council:

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

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

Location:
Delaware City Community Center

Planning Commission:

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

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

Location:
Delaware City Community Center

Historic Preservation Commission:

Tuesday, November 14th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 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

DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY



Ladies Auxiliary Holiday Vendor Market

On Nov. 19th from 11 to 4 PM, we will have multiple vendors, food, and raffles. Come start your holiday shopping early!

Contact Brittney Woodard: Bwoodardevents@yahoo.com

Fundraising event at Bertucci's

On Nov. 20th, support the Fire Company at Bertucci's. Bertucci's will donate 15% of the proceeds back to the fire company!

Flyer or code (online orders) *must* be presented at checkout.

Contact the Fire Department for more information.

Breakfast with Santa

On Dec. 17th from 9-11 AM, Santa will be in town to enjoy bacon, eggs, and more with the community! There is no cost for children under age 3. For children ages 6-10, there is a \$6.00 fee. For adults, the price is \$12.00.

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



First Presbyterian Church

We'd love to have you join us anytime!

November 2023

Sunday Services at 10:00am

Nov. 19th – Ted Arnold, CRE

Nov. 26th – Rev. Debbie Johnson, Communion Served

December 2023

Sunday Services at 10:00 am

Dec. 3rd – Rev. Elisa Diller; First Sunday of Advent, Receiving New Members with Coffee Hour following

Dec. 10th – Rourke Moore, CRE; Second Sunday of Advent

Dec. 17th – Rev. Carl Mazza; Third Sunday of Advent, Communion Served

Dec. 24th – No Morning Service; **Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 8:00 pm**, Fourth Sunday of Advent – Mark Douyard, CRE

Dec. 31st – New Year's Eve, Rourke Moore, CRE

January 2024

Sunday Services at 10:00 am

Jan. 7th – Rev. Elisa Diller; Epiphany Sunday

Jan. 14th – Rourke Moore, CRE

Jan. 21st – Rev. Debbie Johnson

Jan. 28th – Rev. Debbie Johnson

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
- * Use ground cloths under your vehicle whenever doing engine repair. Clean up all spills that happen in a timely matter.



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

Message to the Residents:

With the holidays approaching, we want to personally wish you well. We hope that this winter is filled with joy for you and your families. We appreciate each and everyone of you! Without you, our town wouldn't be what it is today! Stay safe and stay warm!

Happy Holidays!

With Love,
 Town Hall