



CITY NEWS

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SEPTEMBER 2022

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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

November 11, 2022
November 24, 2022
November 25, 2022



Delaware City Day 2022!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Delaware City Day will be held on
Saturday, October 8, 2022!

- Vendors will be set up in Battery Park starting at 10:00 AM
- Starting at 10 AM there will be NO Parking on Clinton Street.
- Parade at 1:00 PM.
- From 1:00 - 7:00 p.m. Children's activities will be available outside of the Delaware City Library. Shuttles will be running between the Library and Battery Park.
- Fireworks will begin at dusk (about 7:30 pm) and vendors will remain open for an hour following the fireworks.

Please plan to join your neighbors for this family-friendly event!
For questions or vendor inquiries, email delcityday2022@gmail.com.
NO DOGS OR ALCOHOL PERMITTED

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

HOLIDAY MARKET

Friday, Oct. 14th

&

Saturday, Oct. 15th

10 a.m. till 3 p.m.

1st PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

138 JEFFERSON ST.

DEL. CITY

Hand Crafted & handmade items,
folk art, bake table, soups, much
more

Sunday, September 11th - "Jubilee Sunday" at 11:00 am

(Please note the Different Start Time for This Sunday)

Guest Singers: Haman Family Choir

Lunch served after the service

Sunday, September 18th - 10:00 am Service (New Member Class after service, 11:00 - 12:00)

Sunday, September 25th - 10:00 am Service (New Member Class after service, 11:00 - 12:00)

Sunday, October 2nd - World Communion Sunday, 10:00 am Service

Sunday, October 9th - 10:00 am Service

Friday, October 14th - Holiday Market, Social Hall, 10:00 am until 3 pm

Saturday, October 15th - Holiday Market, Social Hall, 10:00 am until 3pm

Sunday, October 16th - 10:00 am Service

Sunday, October 23rd - 10:00 am Service

Sunday, October 30th - 10:00 am Service

FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Delaware City is vulnerable to coastal storms and flooding. A significant percentage of the town is located within the FEMA defined 1% chance flood plain. These areas are noted as Zone AE on the FEMA flood map and are particularly susceptible to flooding.

Flash-flooding is the general type of flooding caused by the Canal. For Delaware City, flooding will occur if there is a storm surge or if two or more high tides take place without an intervening ebb tide.

Information on whether your property is in the AE (1% chance) floodplain can be obtained by coming into Town Hall and we can help you. Maps are available to look at as well as other flood-related information. You can contact Town Hall at (302) 834-4573 for further assistance. You can also visit our website at www.delawarecity.delaware.gov and click on the Floodplain link.

FLOOD SAFETY

The following common sense guidelines can help you from the dangers of flooding:

- **Do not drive through a flooded area.** More people drown in cars than any where else. Do not drive around barriers.
- **Do not walk through flowing water.** Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of water can knock you off your feet.
- **Stay away from power lines and electrical wires.** If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocutation is the 2nd leading cause of death during floods.
- **Be alert to gas leaks.** Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- **Keep children away from the flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains.** Flood waters can carry unimaginable items that have dislodged themselves.

Culverts may suck smaller people into them rendering them helpless.

- **Clean everything that has been wet.** Flood water will be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals which pose severe health threats.
- **Look out for animals, especially snakes.** Small animals that have been flooded out of their home may seek shelter in yours.
- **Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires indoors during power outages.** Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are many flood damage reduction measures you can employ.

- Watertight seals can be applied to brick and block walls to protect against low-level flooding.
- Utilities such as heating and air conditioning systems, water heaters and other major appliances can be elevated to higher floors in the structure or on raised platforms.
- Temporary measures such as moving furniture and other valuables to higher floors or sandbagging exterior openings will also help.
- Elevating or relocating the entire structure may also be a feasible option.

DELAWARE CITY FLOOD INFORMATION

FLOODPLAIN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

All development within the AE floodplain (1% chance) (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is required to obtain a Delaware City Building and Floodplain Permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in a floodplain area. Please contact Town Hall to receive all the information you will need in order to properly develop in the floodplain at (302) 834-4573. You may report any illegal development activities to the above number as well.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT/DAMAGE

The NFIP requires that if the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50% of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the entire building must be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions and repairs and reconstruction projects. Please contact Town Hall at (302) 834-4573 for further information.

FLOOD INSURANCE

If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is only available to those participating communities in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Because of our floodplain management programs that attempt to protect us from the multiple flooding hazards, Delaware City is part of the NFIP and thus, residents are able to obtain flood insurance. Additionally, because Delaware City participates in FEMA's CRS program, flood insurance premiums are discounted.

Be sure to check your policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Usually these policies cover the building structure, but not the contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained by asking. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing flood insurance. If you are building inside the floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan.

NATURAL & BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Floodplains play a valuable role in providing natural and beneficial functions to the area around, and including, Delaware City. Floodplains that are relatively undisturbed provide a wide range of benefits to both human and natural systems. These benefits provide aesthetic pleasure as well as function to provide active processes such as filtering nutrients. Parts of both the Old Canal and Dragon Run floodplain are used as a means to filter farm chemical run-off so that these areas can maintain bio-diversity and ecosystem sustainability. Both floodplains contain historic and archeological sites that provide opportunity for education and study. Both enhance waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats and provide

feeding/breeding grounds. And lastly, both floodplains provide natural erosion control and open space so further flooding damage does not occur.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

As simple as it may sound, simply keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas, as well as greatly reduce the occurrence blockage that significantly contributes to flooding. It is illegal to dump materials into a required waterway and violators may be fined. If you see someone in the act of dumping or see debris in one of our watercourses, please contact Town Hall at (302) 834-4573.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Many times, flooding along the Old Canal and Dragon Run within Delaware City can be predicted days in advance, giving ample warning for preparation and evacuation. However, in the event of a flash flood due to a large rain event, you may be the first to notice the oncoming situation and have only hours to execute your plan. If you have already done so, sign up for CODE RED to receive an automated phone call or text message, your choice. You can sign up for the CODE RED program at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BF93467E3FCS> follow the instructions.

Notify the Police Department at 302-836-6344/Fire Department at 302-834-9336 if you are in need of help. Tune your radio to WFLD - 88.1 FM for local and National Weather Service Updates. You will also see regular interruption on local radio and television stations advising you of the situation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you should require further or more detailed information regarding flood-related issues in Delaware City, here are some additional sources:

- FEMA.gov
- FloodSmart.gov
- Delaware City Town Hall (302) 834-4573
407 Clinton Street
Delaware City, DE 19706
- Floodplain on the City's website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov by a link on our Home Page or under Community/Public Service.
- Delaware City Public Library

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

Delaware City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Properties in the AE flood plain are subject to regulation under the Delaware City Flood Plain Ordinance (Chapter 48 of the City Code), which meets FEMA requirements for the NFIP. These regulations are designed to save lives and reduce property losses when flooding occurs. Without access to the NFIP, property owners would find flood insurance to be prohibitively expensive, if available at all. Special rules apply for development in the flood plain, including minimum floor elevation and hydrostatic venting of foundations. A FEMA elevation certificate is required for all new construction and "significant improvements" in the flood zone. In addition, no filling or grading may take place within the flood plain without a permit from the City. You can come to Town Hall, 407 Clinton Street, to get an Elevation Certificate application and instructions on how to fill it out or you can visit www.delawarecity.delaware.gov or www.fema.gov. Any resident in need of a copy of the elevation certificate for flood insurance for their residence can check with Town Hall to see if there is one on file prior to contacting an engineer or surveyor.



DELAWARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT



Follow the Delaware City Police on their NEW Facebook Page "Delaware City Police"



NATIONAL DRUG TAKE BACK DAY
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022
9:00 am -12:00 pm
DELAWARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT
Delaware City Police Accept Medications Year Round As Well

REEDY POINT PLAYERS PRESENTS....



What Lies Within

DELAWARE CITY, DE EDT

An Original Work by Hailey Denevere. An Adult Drama About Addiction, Recovery, And Forgiveness. Directed By Bill Potter. October 14, and 15 at 8:00 PM, and October 16 at 2:00 PM.

For Tickets go to Reedy Point Players Tickets (ticketleap.com)

PET ETIQUETTE

Everyone **MUST** remove 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. Please pick up after your pet!



MEETINGS

Mayor & Council:

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

Monday, November 14th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, December 19th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

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

Planning Commission:

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

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

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

Location:
Delaware City Community Center

Historic Preservation Commission:

Tuesday, October 4th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, November 1st at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, December 6th 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.delaware.gov

DELAWARE CITY SENIOR CENTER

Join the Senior Center!



Location: Delaware City library!
Monday - Cards, puzzling, or bring something you're working on
Tuesday - Bingo!
10 - 1pm

DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY



- Dine & Donate - 9/20 @First State Brewing Company - 3PM - 10PM Pick up a flyer at the fire house or show the flyers on your phone.
- Kors, Coach & Kate Bingo - 9/25 - Doors open at noon; \$30 for 20 games
- Delaware City Fire Company Open House - 10/15 10AM - 2PM - Free (flyer attached in case you need more info)
- We are always looking for members - come join us and see what we're all about.
- With the no plastic shopping bag ban - DCFC has the perfect thing - reusable shopping bags - cost is \$5 each or 3 for \$12. Reach out to a member to get yours.

**Delaware City Fire Company
Open House**

Come learn about how the fire department works

Demonstrations Include:
Vehicle Extrication
Smoke House
EMS and Fire Equipment
Antiques
& so much more!

Kids activities:
Play the part as a Firefighter
Moonbounce
Identi-Kid



**Saturday October 15th
10:00am-2:00pm**

815 5th St, Delaware City, DE 19706
Free Admission

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Annual Cancer Walk in Memory of Ivy

Saturday, September 24, 2022

306 Clinton Street—Registering at 9:00—Walk Starts at 9:30

\$15.00 Per Person / \$25.00 for Family (More than Two)

Water & Fruit Provided after walk.

Grilled Hotdogs and sodas will be available after walk with donations going to the church.

Soup Sale—Fall 2022

Hotdogs and Drinks will be available at the church on Delaware City Day at 10:30 am

Church Worship Service every Sunday at 9:30 am
All are welcome!



Delaware City Events for September-October 2022

Pick up your free Vial of L.I.F.E. at the library! Vials will be back in stock beginning on September 19th. The Vial of L.I.F.E program is a free service provided by New Castle County Emergency Medical Services to all seniors and disabled residents of New Castle County. Vials inform paramedics on medications and health concerns of emergency service patients.

Preschool Story Time begins July 12. We'll hold a weekly story time on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM. While this program is aimed at pre-K kids, we welcome children of all ages during the summer months! A parent or caregiver **MUST** be present during the program.

The Teen Room is open on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 PM – 7 PM. Youth ages 12-17 will have access to a variety of entertainment including PS4, Switch, Meta Quest 2 games, craft activities, and board games.

We love to see kids in the Library! As a reminder, the Library has an Unattended Youth Recreational Use Policy.

Children 9 years and older may visit the Library on their own IF they have a completed form on file. You can download the policy and form on the Library's website or pick one up from the circulation desk. A parent/caregiver must return completed forms in person with photo identification. Children under 9 must have a parent / caregiver present.

For more information call the library at 302-834-4148 or register online at <http://delawarecity.lib.de.us>.

Art in the Library- One of our most popular programs for adults! This fine art program changes themes monthly, and takes place on Thursday's at 5:30 PM. Call the library at 302-834-4148 for this month's theme. Registration is required. Adults. 9/15, 10/20, 11/17, 5:30-7 PM.

Name That Tune with Pencader Flute Duo- The Pencader Flute Duo joins us in the library for a musical performance and guessing game! They will play select songs from composers such as Beethoven and Mozart. The audience will attempt to "name that tune." Come listen and join in the fun to guess the names of favorite classical tunes. Adults and families. 9/19, 6-7 PM.

Cooking with Cathy- In-person cooking classes for teens is back! In September, Cathy will instruct attendees in making Vietnamese Spring Rolls. Join us for these vegetable delights! New recipes are taught each month. Call the library for more information. Registration required. Ages 12 - 17. 9/22, 10/27, 4:30-5:30 PM.

Fix Up the Mix Up!- "Fix Up the Mix Up!" is a musical play with interactive songs, puppets, books and lots of audience participation! The stage is set with a forest scene, the home of many animal friends. A puzzled turtle, an energetic dog, a shy mouse, a brindle cat, a bustling hedgehog, and a friendly fox all join in a story of a worm, who returns home from the library to find that someone is already in its house! Presented by Rick Waterhouse. Registration required. Children and families. 9/27, 4:30-5:30 PM.

Vinyl Record Listening Club- Join us on the second Tuesday of the month for a vinyl record club. Meet like-minded music fans, and listen to records on the library listening station. The library has a selection of records to listen to, or you can bring your own! Light refreshments are provided. Registration requested. Adults. 10/11, 11/9, 6-7 PM.

Pet Care for Working Adults- Chase Conway with Brandywine Valley SPCA will provide an introduction to the pet adoption process and the services they provide for new pet owners, including their low-cost veterinary clinic, free pet food pantry and behavior assistance. Attendees will receive a free pet starter kit and children receive a fun activity kit/goodie bag to take home! Registration requested. 9/13, 5:30-6 PM.

Vintage Haunted Library- Come to the library if you dare. You're in for family friendly scares! Come to the library after hours to experience a vintage themed haunted house. Get a picture at our photo booth with décor inspired by classic books like *The Halloween Tree*, *Frankenstein*, *Dracula*, and *Coraline*. Meet spooky witches, black cats, silly ghosts, and more. Afterwards, enjoy a Trunk or Treat behind the library presented by Dragon Run Park. All ages. 10/22, 4-6 PM.

Trick or Treat at the Library – Stop by the library in your Halloween costume and receive a treat bag. Don't have a costume? We have dress up items for you! (While supplies last.) Treat bags include candy, a bookmark, and a mystery surprise. Allergen friendly bags available. All ages. 10/31, 3:30-7:30 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.



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RECYCLING SCHEDULE 2022

**THE BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING PICK-UP
WILL CONTINUE TO BE PICKED UP ON
MONDAYS, THE SCHEDULE FOR 2022 IS AS
FOLLOWS:**

JANUARY	3, 17, 31
FEBRUARY	14, 28
MARCH	14, 28
APRIL	11, 25
MAY	9, 23
JUNE	6, 20
JULY	4, 18
AUGUST	1, 15, 29
SEPTEMBER	12, 26
OCTOBER	10, 24
NOVEMBER	7, 21
DECEMBER	5, 19

WEBSITE UPDATE

The City of Delaware City will be switching to a NEW Website URL on October 3, 2022.

Delawarecity.delaware.gov will no longer be in use and the new Website URL to use is

www.delawarecity.org