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Delaware City Day Saturday, October 7th, 2023

Please plan to join family, neighbors and friends for our annual community celebration! 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 11:00am - 6:00pm with many fun activities including rides, bounce houses, face painting, and music.

The parade will start at 1:00 pm along Clinton Street, and fireworks at dusk (7:30pm).

Feel free to bring your chairs/blankets to sit down (or stand up and dance!) and enjoy the live music in the Battery Park gazebo featuring:

11:00am - 1:00pm Tookany Creek
2:15 - 4:15pm The Old Crispy Minstrels
4:30 - 5:05pm Sweetice
5:15 - 7:15pm Raising Cain

Delafort scenic ferry rides will be available from 1:00pm - 4:00pm leaving approximately every 30 minutes. The ferry will not stop on the island. First come, first served with the line forming near the ticket office.

Also new this year is a DUNK TANK in Battery Park starting at 2:30pm, featuring some local Delaware City celebrities volunteering to be dunked! This is a fundraiser supporting the Broken Bread Ecumenical Food Closet and the Temporary Emergency Allotment Food Program.

Shuttle buses will be available throughout Delaware City all day. Please look for the large shuttle flags to indicate a stop on the shuttle route, and feel free to wave down a shuttle bus to be picked up. There will be stops in Harbor Estates, Fort DuPont, and throughout town. A shuttle map will be available on the website soon. Contact info@delawarecityday.com for more information if you need a pickup at your home.

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 sign up at <https://signup.com/go/uTHbOgH>

There is still time to register to participate in the Delaware City Day parade! Please email parade@delawarecityday.com for more information, or download an application at www.delawarecityday.com/parade

Please remember that pets are not comfortable in the heat and crowds of large events, so for their safety and the safety of those attending the event, please leave your pets at home. Also, for the safety of pedestrians, bicycles will not be allowed to be ridden within the downtown area, Children's Area or within the areas that are blocked off for pedestrian use near the food trucks. Bike racks are available throughout the downtown area and at the Library.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @delcityday and visit our website at www.delawarecityday.com for more updates!

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Paul H. Johnson, Sr

Vice Mayor:
Betty Barrett

Council Members:
Linda Price
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Police Department
(302) 836-6344

Delaware City Fire Hall
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Library
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Fire Hall Rental
(302) 392-1783

Park Building Rental
(302) 834-0662



Delaware City Events for September– October 2023

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!
COMING SOON – NEW ITEMS IN 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. We'll have details posted on our social media and website soon!

The library will be closed on Monday, October 9th for Columbus Day.

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 preschool age children, but we welcome kids of all ages! A parent or caregiver **MUST** be present during the program. Tuesdays from 10-10:30 AM.

Kids Craft – Join us for a monthly kids craft to make fun and seasonal items, perfect for kids to keep, display, or give as gifts. Don't miss our annual pumpkin painting program in October! Supplies are limited - registration required. 9/19, 10/17, 11/21, 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. Supplies are limited - registration required. Ages 12-17. 9/20, 10/18, 11/15 from 4:30-6 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. 9/21, 10/19, 11/16 from 5:30-7 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. 9/26, 10/24, 11/28 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. 9/26, 10/24, 11/28 from 6-7:30 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. Younger kids are welcome to participate with a parent. Supplies are limited – registration required. 9/27, 10/25, 11/22, 4:30- 5:30 PM.

Library Staff Pumpkin Painting Contest - The Delaware City Library staff are getting into the spirit of fall with a pumpkin decorating contest! What's even better? You choose the winner! Vote on your favorite pumpkin during the month of October.

Banned Book Button-Making for Kids and Teens: Let Freedom Read - Banned Books Week (Oct 1 – 7) celebrates the freedom to read and spotlights current and historical attempts to censor books in libraries and schools. We invite kids and teens to make a button with a banned book slogan to wear during Banned Books Week. The Library will also have a display of banned books. Registration required. 10/2, 4:30 – 5:30 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. 10/4, 11/1 from 5:30- 7 PM.

Delaware City Day – Giant Games are back for Delaware City Day in the library! Drop in to play life-size versions of some of your favorite games! Take a break from the crowds with us! All ages. 10/7, 11 AM- 3:30 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! Light refreshments provided. October's session is a special Halloween theme! Dress in costume, enjoy Halloween themed treats, and bring spooky records to share. Registration requested. Adults. 10/10, 11/8 from 6-7 PM.

Teen Culture – Join us on the second Wednesday of the month for popular culture food, games, art, and other activities! The theme changes every month – check with Cathy in the Teen Room or on the Library calendar for what we have planned. Ages 12-17. Registration requested. 10/11, 11/8, 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. 10/12, 11/9 from 5:30-7 PM.

Interactive Movie: Rocky Horror Picture Show- Let's do the time warp again! Join us on Friday the 13th for the screening of this cult classic with interactive elements. Props will be supplied by the library. Rocky Horror themed dress is encouraged. Movie is Rated R – adults only. 10/13, 6-8 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. from 4:30 – 5:30 PM.

Due to the Columbus Day, this program has a date change in October. 10/16, 11/13, 4:30 – 5:30 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 10/21, 11/4, 11/18, 1-2 PM.

Beekeeping and Local Honey Tasting- We welcome the Delaware Beekeepers Association for a discussion on beekeeping and the importance of the local bee population. Learn the difference in flavors based on location, and sample various local honey flavors. A tasting of local honey will follow the presentation.

Registration requested. Adults. 10/26 from 6-7:30 PM.

Haunted Library: Spine Tingling Films- Flip your wig at this year's haunted house event at the library. Halloween movies come alive for an event full of family friendly scares. What's that over there? Is it Jaws? Will Jack Skellington make an appearance? There's only one way to find out. All ages. Children under 9 must be accompanied by a caregiver. 10/28, 4-6 PM.

Trick or Treat at the Library- Join us for our annual trick or treat program. Show us your best Halloween costume and receive a Halloween goodie bag. Children. 10/31 from 3:30- 7 PM.

Delaware City Library 50th Anniversary Celebration- Delaware City Library celebrates its 50th Anniversary this year (1973 – 2023) and it wouldn't be a party without YOU! 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. 11/17, 4 – 8 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.

Please welcome **Harry Hill**, our new **City Manager**, to **Delaware City!**

“I am looking forward to working with Mayor Johnson, City Council, and the people of Delaware City! I am excited about this Opportunity to serve our fine city.”



ST. PAUL’S CHURCH

St. Paul’s Church in Delaware City is sponsoring a **Christmas Bazaar to be held on Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 9:00AM to 3:00PM, and Sunday, November 5, 2023 from 10:00AM to 2:00PM in the PARISH HALL at 409 Adams Street, Delaware City.** It will feature many different crafts, home-made baked goods and soups. Also on hand will be attic treasures, gifts, and many raffles. Stop in and look around and have lunch or a snack with us. For more info call 328-0364. Or visit our Facebook page at St. Paul’s Catholic Church, Delaware City, DE.



MEETINGS

Mayor & Council:

- Monday, October 16th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Community Center
- Monday, November 20th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Community Center
- Monday, December 18th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Community Center

Planning Commission:

- Monday, October 2nd at 6:30 p.m.
- 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, October 3rd at 7 p.m.
- 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, Library & www.delawarecity.org

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October

October 1, 2023 Communion, 10am
October 8, 2023 Service, 10am
October 15, 2023 Service, 10am
October 22, 2023 Jubilee/Homecoming Service with the Haman Family Singers
11:00 am Service with Fellowship Hour Following Service
October 29, 2023

November 10:00am All Services

November 5, 2023 Receiving New Members with Coffee Hour
November 12, 2023
November 19, 2023
November 26, 2023 Decorate for Advent/Christmas after Service



DRAGON RUN PARK

Our Annual Halloween Party will be on October 28, 2023 from 6:30-8:30. Kids are encouraged to dress up in costume. We will have music, food and drink all for FREE!

Also, we have purchased a pavilion located right by the front door of the hall, please utilize that area to smoke as we request no smoking at the front door.

Please follow us on Facebook and check the post office for flyers regarding any upcoming 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 FIRE COMPANY

Congratulations to Delaware City Fire Company Fire Police Dennis Layton, Sr on being awarded New Castle County Fire Police of the year!



REMINDER!

TRASH DAYS ARE ON MONDAYS. PLEASE REMEMBER TO REMOVE TRASH CANS FROM THE CURB AFTER TRASH HAS BEEN COLLECTED.

FOR LARGE ITEM PICK UPS, CALL WASTE INDUSTRIES 378-5400

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 anywhere 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, fence, 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.codereadweb.com/CNE/BF93467E3FC5> 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 FIRE COMPANY EVENTS



Sock Hop Homicide Interactive Murder Mystery Dinner -
September 30th - \$55 a person/\$100 a couple - Show starts at 6PM - for tickets call Deb at
302.528.2274.

Underwear drive thru the end of September - donated to our local schools for their use.
Donations can be dropped off at the firehouse. Monetary donations also accepted.

Sunday, October 22nd - Kors, Coach & Kate Bingo - \$30 for 20 games - doors open at 1PM

Come out for a spooktacular event at the Delaware City Fire Company!
Saturday October 28th, from 10am-2pm our annual open house featuring
Marshall from Paw Patrol, kids moon bounce, demonstrations and more! Wear your
costume and join us for trick or treating around the event!

Holiday Vendor Market - November 19th 11AM - 4PM - Vendors - Food -
Raffles - Contact Brittany Woodard Bwoodardevents@yahoo.com for vendor information.



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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:

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| 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 |

