



CITY NEWS

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**DELAWARE CITY ELECTIONS
FOR TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016
NOON to 8:00 PM
DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY
COMMUNITY ROOM
250 FIFTH STREET**

PURSUANT TO THE DELAWARE CITY CHARTER, A MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 NOON AND 8:00 P.M. TO ELECT THREE (3) COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS EACH:

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

- Paul D. (Bud) Fitzwater, III
- Natalie Greene
- Catherine (Cathy) Johnson
- Elizabeth (Beth) Konkus
- Margaret (Megan) Titus

- AFFIDAVITS TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE.
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- LAST DATE TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2016.
- LAST DATE TO RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS 8:00 PM TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016 (Ballots returned on April 5th must be brought to the Library Community Room).

**** THE LIBRARY WILL SPONSOR A MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT ON MONDAY, APRIL 4th from 6-7PM at 250 Fifth Street. *****

DELAWARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

-NATIONAL TAKE BACK DAY- Sat, Apr 30th, 10-2. This is an opportunity for residents to safely dispose of unwanted prescription drugs. Please bring your medications to the Delaware City Police Dept.

-SCAMS- Residents need to be aware that recent incidents involving various types of both internet & phone scams that have been occurring both nationally as well as here in Delaware City. Citizens are advised to **NEVER** give out their personal information such as social security number, date of birth, bank account numbers, etc. **To report a scam: IRS Scam Hotline 1-800-366-4484 and Identity Theft 1-888-400-5530.**

**INFORMATIONAL MEETING ON FORT DUPONT
MASTER PLAN & ANNEXATION**

Will be presented by Jeff Randol, Director of the Fort DuPont Redevelopment Project, on Monday, Apr 11th, 6:30 PM at the Paul H. Morrill, Jr. Community Center, 250 Fifth St. Tim Kelly from the Army Corps will also be there to give updates on the bridge project. Everyone is Welcome!

DIVISION of PARKS & RECREATION

The staff at Fort Delaware and Fort DuPont State Parks is excited to welcome new Park Superintendent Rachael Phillos. Rachael replaces Becky Webb who retired after 27 years of distinguished service with the Division of Parks & Recreation. Rachael comes to Fort Delaware Fort DuPont with a degree in Wildlife Conservation & Ecology from the University of Delaware. Prior to her transfer to the Forts, she worked at several other state parks in Delaware. Most notably, she spent seven years at Killens Pond State Park as the Interpretive Programs Manager. She took on the role of Park Superintendent at Fort Delaware & Fort DuPont in September, 2015. Rachael stated that she is excited about opportunities that are available at Fort Delaware, Fort DuPont and Port Penn Interpretive Center. She is hoping to bring her enthusiasm and drive to the State Parks, and is excited about the new possibilities that are presenting themselves with the Fort DuPont Redevelopment and Preservation Corporation. "I am excited to tackle the challenges at Fort Delaware State Park. With my background in interpretation, I hope to continue to bring exciting programming to the park." Information about Fort Delaware, Fort DuPont, the Port Penn Interpretive Center and all of Delaware's State Parks is available at destateparks.com.

DRAGON RUN PARK COMMISSION

Will be holding its **50th** annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sun., Mar 20th from 1-3. Children from 1 to 12 years of age are invited to participate. All are welcome to attend the Commission meetings held the second Tuesday of each month at the Park Building at 6:30. May 7th FREE Hershey Park Trip!! Zumba will be coming soon.

Ebenezer Methodist Church, 306 Clinton Street

-Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, Mar 27th, at 6:30 AM at Battery Park. All are invited.

-Will be sponsoring "In Memory of Ivy" Cancer walk on Sat, Apr 23rd, 9:30AM. It is a 2 mile walk that will start and end at the Church. Proceeds will go to the Society of Cure Cancer.

-Will be selling oyster sandwiches, sodas, hot dogs and water during the Town Wide yard sale Sat., Apr 30th. We will be also be renting tables-to be used at the Church Property ONLY). The Lions Club will have a bake table & will be selling car raffle tickets in front of the Church.

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CODE ENFORCEMENT

Now that Spring is fast approaching, please be mindful of property maintenance issues that need to be addressed (high grass, unregistered/inoperable vehicles, exterior of properties such as chipped & peeling paint, roofs & gutters, etc.) If you have any questions, please call our Code Enforcement Officer, Jose Perez at 834-372.

BUILDING CODE CORNER

Spring is a great time of year to plan your next home improvement project, whether it be the installation of landscaping or constructing a deck, there are many ways to improve and enjoy your outside environment. Keep in mind that not all outdoors projects require permits, but projects such as; decks, wiring (other than low voltage), pergolas, patios, lawn irrigation (connected to plumbing system) and the like do require zoning and building code review. We wish you a safe and enjoyable Easter and spring season! The Building Official currently has office hours at City Hall on Wednesday's from 9:30 - Noon, or by appointment. To learn more about our adopted codes visit www.iccsafe.org.

2 DAY TOWN WIDE YARSALE EVENT

The Townwide Yardsale will be Sat, Apr 30th and Sun, May 1st, 8:00AM to 3:30PM, but set up early for those early shoppers. We hope all the organizations, businesses, churches, and families will set up a sale. Mainstreet will be advertising on radio and in papers for this event. Please take part in a fun day.

REMINDER

Senior Citizen/Disability application form and required documents for a tax/water reduction are due back to Town Hall by **April 15, 2016**. Applications are still available at Town Hall.

Reedy Point Players

Don't miss out on the Reedy Point Players production of *Self Help By Dummies*, written by T. Gregory Argall and Todd McGinnis. Performances are March 4, 5, 11, 12, all at 8 PM at the Delaware City Community Center. Tickets are \$5 / \$10 / \$12. CASH ONLY at the door. Show is recommended for ages 13 and up. For more information visit: <http://www.thereedypointplayers.com>

The Reedy Point Players are excited to announce their 4th win at the Delaware BroadwayWorld.com Awards for THE OUTSIDERS production. This year they won, Best Touring Production. The production previously took home 3 awards last year (Best Play, Best Ensemble, and Best Director - awarded to Delaware City resident, Erin Miller).

Next Up is *Pizza Wars* - May 20-22

FREE LARGE ITEM PICK-UP...on Mon, May 2nd, from Waste Industries for all those unsold items from the yard sale. Refrigerators and air conditioners will only be removed with advance arrangements with Waste Industries by calling 302-378-5400.

FLOOD INSURANCE —Do you need it?

You may want to consider obtaining flood insurance if you live in the 100-year floodplain (AE Zone-1% chance of flooding). Homes built before the adoption of City floodplain regulations may likely be at greater risk of flooding during a severe storm. Be advised that most homeowners' policies specifically exclude damage caused by floodwaters from rising water, inadequate drainage and wind driven rain. Fortunately, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) will provide this important insurance for purchase to Delaware City property owners that reside in a floodplain. This protection has been made available for purchase to Delaware City and other communities that have taken steps to manage and reduce the chances for local residential flooding. Our rigorous floodplain regulations, rated a "Class 7" designation by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, allows Delaware City residents to take advantage of flood insurance premiums that are 10% lower than the national average. The NFIP coverage is available for purchase to any Delaware City owner or renter of insurable property. To purchase NFIP flood insurance, contact any licensed property insurance agency or broker. If you are not sure if your property is located within the 100-year floodplain, please call Town Hall at (302) 834-4573. Floodplain maps and NFIP brochures are available at Town Hall, 407 Clinton Street or on our website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov.

STORMWATER

As stormwater runoff flows over land surfaces—pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs—it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. 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 stormwater 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 stormwater 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 individual behavior change and proper practices to control pollution. Only rain down the drain! Visit our website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov for more information.

A water pollution hot line: **(302) STOPPIT** for county residents to report pollution going into or coming out of the storm sewer system has been set up. The Double P means "Prevent Pollution." When residents see evidence that someone has dumped chemicals or debris into the storm sewer system, here's what they can do:-**Visit 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**



**DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS
MARCH AND APRIL 2016**

ONGOING EVENTS

Sun. 3-6, 3-20, 4-3, 4-17 at 1 PM: PAWS for Reading (read to a therapy dog!). Registration requested.

Mon. 3-21, 4-18 at 5 PM: Minecraft @ Your Library. Ages 8-13. Registration required.

Tues. 3-8, 3-15, 3-22, 4-5, 4-12, 4-19 at 6:00 PM: Knit Night, come enjoy an evening of knitting Adults and Teens

Tues. 3-8, 4-12 at 6:30 PM: Reading Rainbow Story Hour: Take a look, it's in a book! Watch 2 episodes of reading rainbow, blankets and stuffed animals welcome!

Tues. 3-29, 4-26 at 6:45 PM: Delaware City Reading Group: Discuss this month's book selection

Wed. 4-6, 4-13, 4-20, 4-27 at 6:15PM: Crazy 8's: Learn math in a fun and relaxed setting: for grades 3-5, registration required

Thurs. 3-17, 4-7, 4-21 at 11 AM: Crafty Story Time. Hear a story and make a take-home craft! Ages 3+

Sat. 3-19, 4-16 at 2 PM: LEGO Club. Ages 7-12

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun. 3-6 at 1 PM Meditation Workshop Part 1: Join our special guest from Pea Patch Studio as we learn the basics of meditation. First part of a two part workshop. No registration required.

Sat. 3-12 at 1PM Essential Oils 101: Join host Kent Lane as we learn about the fundamentals of Essential Oils, their health benefits and more. No registration Required.

Tues 3-14 at 6PM St Patrick's Day Craft: Listen to traditional Irish Music, learn about St. Patrick's Day and make a take home craft! Registration Required

Wed. 3-23 at 6 PM: Delaware Nature Society Presents – Turtle Races with Beaver, Hear the story of the race between clever Turtle and overbearing Beaver to claim the pond where both want to live, then meet live and taxidermied examples of the competitors. Find out whether you are fit enough and fast enough to beat Turtle, Beaver, and other animals in a "real" race!

Sat. 3-26 at 12 PM Easter Egg Hunt! Rain or Shine, see who can find the most Easter eggs! Registration Required.

Sat. 4-2 at 12PM: Poetry Reading – Come perform your poems and lyrics in a relaxed setting. Registration Required.

Thurs. 4-14 at 5PM: Movie – The Great Gatsby, Light snacks and refreshments will be provided

Tues. 4-19 at 6PM: A History of Jazz – A showing of a Documentary about Jazz music for Jazz appreciation month. All ages.

Sun. 4-23 at 1:00PM: Vermiculture 101 - Teaching the importance of the lowly earthworm in nature and how it can be put to work for us. The lecture briefly highlights the anatomy and behavior of the earthworm, and then finishes with each family making and taking home their own starter worm farm (worms included).

DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY

Friday, April 8th we are having a shrimp feast. Cost is \$30 pp/\$55 a couple. Menu Consists of Shrimp, roast beef, potato & pasta salad, beer, wine and soda. Cash bar will be available for mixed drinks. DJ, dancing and door prizes. Contact Brett or Jessica Neel at 302.838.2458 for tickets.