



CITY NEWS

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DELAWARE CITY ELECTIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL TUESDAY, APRIL 4, 2017 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 4, 2017, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 NOON AND 8:00 P.M. TO ELECT THE MAYOR & 2 COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS EACH:

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

Betty Tranthum Barrett
Andrew Lancaster, II
Robert J. Malinowski
Chase E. Renoll

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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 TUESDAY, MARCH 28th
from 6-7PM at 250 Fifth Street. *****

Ebenezer Methodist Church, 306 Clinton Street

-Sat, 4-8 - 2nd Annual Ivy Cancer Walk. Register 9AM \$25; 9:30 AM start time.

-Sun, 4-16 - Easter Sunrise Service 6:30AM Battery Park; Easter Morning Service 10:10AM

-Sat, 4-29 - Will be selling oyster sandwiches during the Town Wide yard sale. They will be renting tables-to be used on the Church Property ONLY- for the yard sale.

REMINDER

Senior Citizen/Disability application form and required documents for a tax/water reduction are due back to Town Hall by **April 17, 2017**. Applications are still available at Town Hall.

DELAWARE CITY GETS WATER AWARD

The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) has awarded Delaware City the Water Fluoridation Quality Award for 2015

Delmarva Streetlight Outage Tool

An important resource from Delmarva Power provides individuals with the opportunity to make Delmarva aware of street light problems that may include lights that are out, flickering, or that have been damaged. Specific information that individuals can provide regarding the location, address, and pole number of the light will help their field personnel make the necessary repairs. To report an outage or issue, please visit their website:

<https://delmarva.streetlightoutages.com/map/default.html>

DELAWARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

-NATIONAL TAKE BACK DAY- Sat, Apr 29th, 8-noon. Turn in your, or your pet's unused or expired medications for safe disposal between the hours of 8:00 am until 12:00 Noon at the Delaware City Police Department. Please note that even though April 29 is the National Drug Take Back Day, you are free to drop off medications all year round at the Police Department during normal business hours.

-The Delaware City Police wants to remind everyone that according to Delaware Law, no one is permitted to use any electronic device (cell phone) while operating any type of motor vehicle .

DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY NEWS

3/16 - Ladies Auxiliary Sub Sale

3/27 - Funds for Friends at The Greene Turtle Christiana. Flyer must be presented to your server -get it at Fire Hall

4/7 - Coach Bingo - \$25 for 20 games, Doors open at 6 - Bingo starts at 7.

4/11 - Plant Nite - Join us for this new and unique fundraiser. Create a terrarium that is yours to keep. Food and drink will be available for purchase

4/23 -The Fire Company and The Lion's Club will be holding a Pet Food Drive at the Fire house 9AM - Noon. Donations will benefit The Brandywine Valley SPCA location in New Castle.

4/28 - Annual Shrimp Feast

DRAGON RUN PARK COMMISSION

Dragon Run will have its annual Easter Party on Sun, Apr 9th at 1-3 PM. District kids are welcome!

First Presbyterian Church, 2nd and Jefferson

Is having a meatless Macaroni and Cheese dinner fund raiser on Good Friday, April 14 from 4 pm till sold out.

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DELAWARE CITY HERITAGE ASSOCIATION...

...holds regular meetings during odd numbered months on the third Thursday. DCHA began its new season with a meeting at 7 p.m., Thursday, February 16 in the Library. Board officers are Glenn Pusey, Chair; Amy Press, V.Chair; Craig O'Donnell, Treasurer; Kate O'Donnell, Secretary; and Ann Blackmore, Senior Researcher. Additional board members are needed. All are welcome. On loan from Captain and Joanne Wisowaty are the large history story boards, highly illustrated and set up for viewing in the off-season of Wiso's Crabs. By appointment, visit the "1812 Room" of the old Delaware City School building. If you've been meaning to visit the Wisowaty's local history museum, here's a chance to do so. The subjects covered are the Forts, the Canal, Delaware City's founding and early days including many enlargements of images of familiar houses, churches and the waterfront as it once looked. DCHA invites you to check out our Facebook page, too. [Facebook.com/DelawareCityHeritageAssociation](https://www.facebook.com/DelawareCityHeritageAssociation).

2 DAY TOWN WIDE YARDSALE EVENT

The Townwide Yardsale will be Sat, Apr 29th and Sun, Apr 30th, 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.

Reedy Point Players

Next on stage for the Reedy Point Players, **Titanic: Tragedy & Trial**, directed by Gail Wagner and performed with special permission by Eldridge Publishing Company. This performance highlights the historical moments that occurred on the ship during the sinking as well as the U.S. Senate Hearings. This production will be performed in honor of the 105th Anniversary of the sinking. In addition to the performance, a display of replica Titanic memorabilia will be presented at each show. Performances will be on **April 7 & 8** at 8 PM and **April 9** at 2 PM. Tickets are \$5 - \$12. All purchases made at the door must be in **cash only**, no other forms of payment will be accepted. Advance tickets can be purchased at: <https://reedypointplayers.ticketleap.com/titanic/> For further information, please visit <http://www.thereedypointplayers.com>

Mary Jarrell Diary March 1897:

4th This is Inauguration day and McKinley has a beautiful day to begin to rule this great and grand country of ours. Bright and sun shiny.

FREE LARGE ITEM PICK-UP...on Mon, May 1st, 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.



DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY EVENTS AND PROGRAMS MARCH AND APRIL 2017

ONGOING EVENTS

- Sun. 3-5, 3-19, 4-2** at 1 PM: PAWS for Reading (read to a therapy dog!). Registration requested.
- Tues. 3-14, 4-11** 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. 3-28, 4-25** at 6:45 PM: Delaware City Reading Group: Discuss this month's book selection.
- Tues. 3-14, 4-11** at 6:00 PM: Cookbook Club: Learn new recipes from bestselling cookbooks and make delicious recipes in the library!
- Wed. 3-15, 3-22, 3-29** at 4 PM: Crazy 8's: Learn math in a fun and relaxed setting: for grades 3-5, registration required
- Wed. 3-29, 4-26** at 6 PM: Teen Night: Teens will enjoy music, games, crafts, and refreshments.
- Thurs. 3-16, 4-6, 4-20** at 4 PM: Crafty Story Time. Hear a story and make a take-home craft! Ages 3+
- Sat. 3-25, 4-29** at 12 AM: Crafty Story Time. Hear a story and make a take-home craft! Ages 3+
- Sat. 3-18, 4-15** at 2 PM: LEGO Club. Ages 7-12.

SPECIAL EVENTS

- Mon. 3-13** at 1 PM Game Day for Seniors: Seniors play classic board and card games while getting to know their neighbors.
- Mon. 3-20** at 4 PM Egg Drop: Children will learn basic engineering STEM principals while building contraptions to keep their egg safe.
- Tues. 3-21** at 6PM Wayward Women Travelers: A women's history presentation that relates stories of exceptional women who defied stereotypical gender roles to travel boldly into new lands and cultures.
- Wed. 3-22** at 4 PM: Plein Air Landscape Drawing– This adult art class will teach attendees the French art of drawing "plein air" or "open air." Attendees will be using the historic grounds of the library to create beautiful landscapes. Registration required.
- SUN. 3-26** at 12 PM: Wrap It Up! Jewelry Making– Teens 14+ - adults will learn simple wire wrapping and create a beautiful pair of earrings to take home.
- TUES. 4-11** at 6 PM: Make Your Own Basket- Children can make their own festive basket. Registration recommended.
- THURS. 4-27** at 7 PM: Coffee House Poetry Reading- Read your own poetry in a coffee house style setting with light refreshments and art.

DELAWARE CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT

With the warm weather fast approaching, please remember to keep your lawns maintained at a level below 10 inches otherwise you will be cited for high grass violations.

Prior to undertaking any home renovations/alterations to your home, please contact Town Hall, 302-834-4573, to determine if a building permit is required.

All vehicles must be properly registered and operable to avoid being cited. Parking of any vehicles on lawns or grassy surfaces is strictly prohibited. If you have any questions, please contact Code Enforcement at 834-0372.

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 changes 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.