



CITY NEWS

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Some happy smiling faces at the PAL Trunk or Treat.



City Manager, Carol Houck

Manager's Message

It certainly has been a busy fall so far, with lots of downtown events and activities. It has been great to see the level of participation from our Delaware City families at recent events like the Delaware City PAL Trunk or Treat event held in the parking lot of the Community Center. Numerous first responders from the state, county and neighboring towns and cities participated along with our own local Police and Fire Departments! Thank you to our Delaware City PAL for efforts to pull the event together!

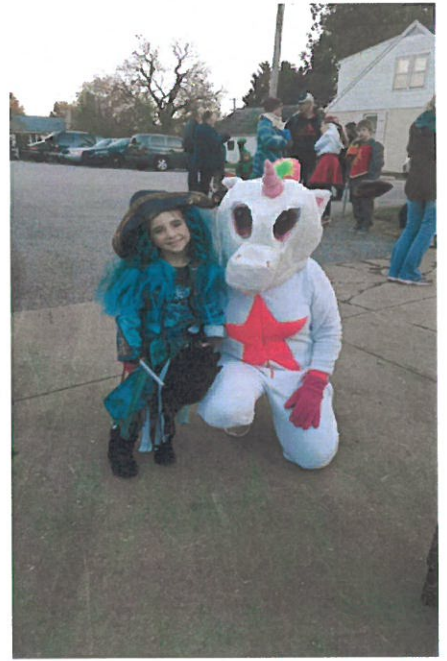
Additionally, I've been told the large crowd for the Halloween Parade was the biggest yet for our town. Weather cooperated well on Halloween night and the Delaware Ghostbusters team was gracious to lead the way down Clinton Street to our downtown with many lining the sidewalk to enjoy the costumed marchers. Your Delaware Main Street Association coordinated the parade again this year. I've shared a few photos below!

Lastly, I've seen and heard firsthand in recent months that many citizens care greatly about the future of our town, we are asking for your input on two topics, that of the Downtown Development planning effort and the annual Delaware City Day Event.

You will find a *Downtown Development Survey* tucked within this newsletter as well as information and questions regarding a *re-vamping of Delaware City Day*. Please take a moment to review both and either drop them off to Town Hall or the Post Office. Each location will have a special box for their collection beginning the week of November 27th. Additionally, the Downtown Survey can be completed online. Follow the instructions on the survey if you wish to submit electronically.

In closing, from all the staff at town hall, we wish you a peaceful and comforting Thanksgiving!

All My Best,
Carol Houck



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We Wish You The Merriest of Holidays and A Happy New Year

Town Hall will be closed on Thursday & Friday, Nov. 23 & 24 for Thanksgiving, and Mon, Dec. 25 & Tues, Dec 26 for Christmas ; and Mon, Jan 1, 2018 for New Year's Day. Trash and Recycling pick-up will Be on Tuesday December 26th.



CHRISTMAS IN DELAWARE CITY

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

November 25 - 6PM Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at Battery Park

December 9—Holiday Parade of Lights, sponsored by Main Street, parade marchers and floats will line-up at 5:30 PM at Town Hall, 407 Clinton Street. The parade route is down Clinton Street and then left on Harbor Street to Washington Street where the parade ends at the corner of Harbor and Washington.

December 17—Christmas Party with lunch and Santa at Dragon Run 1 PM Resident Children ages 12 & under



REEDY POINT PLAYERS PRODUCTION

Next on stage for the Reedy Point Players will be their annual holiday production. This year is the Sherlock Holmes inspired, *Ken Ludwig's The Game's Afoot or Holmes for the Holidays!* This is a production where the danger and hilarity are non-stop in this glittering whodunit set during the Christmas holidays. Performances will be Dec 15 & 16 at 8 PM and Dec 17 at 2 PM and will take place at the Delaware City Community Center. Tickets are \$5 / \$10 / \$12 and are CASH ONLY at the door - no exceptions. All credit card transactions must be made online. Advance tickets and additional information can be found at:

<http://www.thereedypointplayers.com>

Coming soon, the Reedy Point Players will hold open auditions for their One Act Festival. Performances will be in Feb.

DRAGON RUN

Dragon Run will sponsor Zumba at 6:30 and Yoga at 7:30 on Monday evenings. The cost is \$2 for residents and \$5 for non-residents. Mats are required.

The annual Christmas luncheon with Santa at Dragon Run will be Dec.17 at 1:00 for residential children ages 12 years and under.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 10th, 10:00 AM Welcoming Christmastime Program and holiday reception. All are welcome.

Sunday, December 24th 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve candle lighting service. All are welcome to join us.



SENIORS

Coffee & Conversation! Games, Puzzling , BINGO!! Monday & Tuesday 10AM to 1PM at the Delaware City Library, 250 Fifth Street, use back entrance.



DELAWARE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

On Sunday, September 10th Delaware City Lions Club (DE), in conjunction with Delaware City Fire Company collected supplies for Houston Texas Area schools affected by Hurricane Harvey. It was reported in The Houston Chronicle that 245 area schools suffered some type of damage (53 suffering ‘major’ damage, and 22 receiving extensive damage). The Delaware City community answered the call, and turned out to support this endeavor. Approximately 10 boxes of supplies were collected at the event and in the days that followed. Cash donations were also received to buy additional supplies. State Senator Nicole Poore graciously secured shipping of the collected supplies at no cost to the two non-profits. Thanks to everyone who contributed to ease the burden on Houston area schools during this significant weather event.

YOU HAVE A STREETLIGHT OUT?

Street Light outages can be reported through the website www.delmarva.com or there is a mobile app for your phone that locates the streetlight exactly where you are standing so you can easily report it as a problem. When reported by website or app they go immediately to a field resource for review and repair. Please make sure you include the pole number. <https://delmarva.streetlightoutages.com/map/default.html>



DELAWARE CITY DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLAN

Please take the time to complete the attached 5 minute survey and have your opinion heard regarding the downtown’s development.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

The yard waste program of Delaware City includes the recycling of Christmas trees. Please place your tree near your trash cart on a trash pick-up day. Please have all objects, **including tinsel**, removed from the tree.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow/ice within 24 hours of the end of the snowfall. Snow is not permitted to be deposited in the street or gutters. A \$25.00 fine will be issued to any property in violation of this ordinance – City Code Chapter 8, Sections 10-12.





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ONGOING EVENTS

Thurs. 11-16 & 12-21 at 4 PM & **Sat. 12-30** at 11 AM: Crafty Story Time.

Sat. 11-18 & 12-16 at 2 PM: LEGO Club. Ages 7-12.

Tues. 11-21 & 12-19 at 6:30 PM: Trivia Night @ Lewinsky's.

Wed. 11-22 & 12-27 at 6 PM: Teen Night. Ages 12-17.

Sun. 11-26, 12-3, & 12-17 at 1 PM: PAWS for Reading (read to a therapy dog!).

Tues. 11-28 & 12-19 at 6:45 PM: Delaware City Reading Group. Adults only. New members always welcome!

Tues. 12-12 at 6:30 PM: Reading Rainbow Pajama Party. Ages 3-10.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Sun. 11-19 at 12:30 PM: Art in the Library: Autumn Still Life. Ages 18+. Warm seasonal beverages will be served. All skill levels welcome. Registration required.

Sat. 11-25 at 12 PM: Autumn Jewelry Making. Ages 18+. All materials provided. Registration required.

Wed. 11-29 at 6 PM.: Craft Brewing 101. Ages 21+. Hear how beer is made from a member of the First State Brewers Homebrew Club, ask your brewing questions, and sample seasonal craft beer. Registration required.

Sat. 12-9 at 12 PM: Ornament Painting. Ages 12+. Registration required.

Sun. 12-10 at 12:30 PM: Crafty Giving: No-Sew Blankets. Make no-sew fleece blankets to donate to local animal shelters. Ages 18+. Registration requested.

Thurs. 12-14 at 6 PM: Winter Holiday Classical Guitar Concert featuring Robert Dopira. Great for all ages!

Tues. 12-26 at 5 PM: Boxing Day Party. Exchange stories about your winter holiday while learning about the British holiday Boxing Day. Light refreshments provided. Ages 8+.

The library's Pre-Holiday Celebration Silent Auction and 50/50 Raffle fundraiser is Thursday, Dec. 7 from 6-9 PM at Crabby Dick's! Enjoy a night of food, beverages, and entertainment while supporting the Delaware City Library. Bring our event postcard at any time on the day of the event and Crabby Dick's will donate 20% of the proceeds to the library. We are currently in need of donations! To donate an auction item or make a donation to the library, contact the Library Director, Alex Monroe, at alexandra.monroe@lib.de.us or call (302) 834-4148.

Follow us on Facebook and visit our website at delawarecity.lib.de.us for announcements and upcoming events!

FLOODPLAIN INFORMATION

Flood insurance may not prevent a flood, but it can help homeowners get back on their feet in the event of a flood. A flood insurance policy will give you peace of mind knowing that you are covered if the unexpected happens. The website - *FloodSmart.gov* —offers several tools and resources that you can use, including:

- The *One-Step Flood Risk Profile* to provide an estimation of a property's flood risk and direct residents to local insurance agents, who can provide additional information on a flood insurance policy.
- The *Cost of Flooding tool*, illustrates how just a few inches of water can cost tens of thousands of dollars in damage.
- Consumer and business* checklists to help residents prepare before the next disaster strikes.

You can also visit our website at www.delawarecity.delaware.gov for more information on the Floodplain.

STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

Only Rain Down the Drain!

Dispose of Household Hazardous Wastes properly. Leftover cleaning chemicals, automotive fluids, pesticides, solvents, and paints should never be dumped into storm drains, streets, ditches or sinks.

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) holds Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events at different locations in the state throughout the year. Delaware residents can bring their waste materials to the events free of charge.

[Click here](#) to download a printable PDF of DSWA's 2017 Collection Event schedule and acceptable materials list.

For more information, [visit DSWA's website](#), or call the Citizens' Response Line at 1-800-404-7080.





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NOTICE 2018

THE BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING PICK-UP WILL CONTINUE TO BE PICKED UP ON MONDAYS. THE SCHEDULE FOR 2018 IS AS FOLLOWS:

JANUARY	8, 22
FEBRUARY	5, 19
MARCH	5, 19
APRIL	2, 16, 30
MAY	7, 21
JUNE	4, 18
JULY	2, 16, 30
AUGUST	13, 27
SEPTEMBER	10, 24
OCTOBER	8, 22
NOVEMBER	5, 19
DECEMBER	3, 17, 31

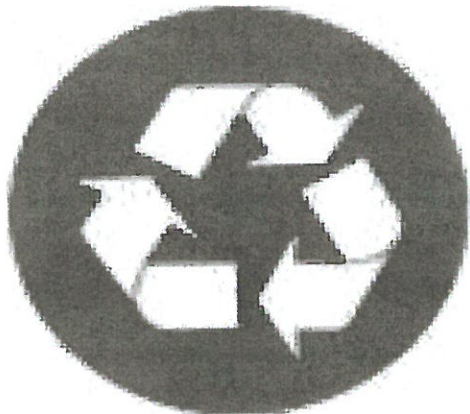
PLEASE POST THIS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

This project is funded in part by a Universal Recycling Grant from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and the Recycling Public Advisory Council (RPAC). For information about the Universal Recycling Grant and Low Interest Loan Program, call 302-739-9403.

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WHY RECYCLE?

By recycling, we are taking responsibility for the waste we generate. We become part of the waste **solution** instead of the problem. By recycling you are helping the environment and the City.

Some Recycling Facts:

Recycling helps prolong the life of our landfills.

Recycling reduces the City's waste disposal costs.

Recycling helps save energy.

Recycling helps conserve natural resources.

Recycling helps reduce pollution.

WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

Acceptable single stream recyclables you can put into your recycling cart are:

- Newspapers/ Brown Paper Bags
- Magazines, Catalogs
- Telephone/Soft Cover Books
- Junk Mail/Envelopes (all types)
- Paper
- Paperboard (cereal/tissue boxes)
- Corrugated Cardboard (flattened)
- Narrow-Neck plastic bottles (examples: milk jugs, bleach/detergent, shampoo bottles)
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Glass Bottles/Jars (any color)
- Metal Cans (tin, steel and aluminum)

There is no need to place your recyclables into bags before putting them into the cart. For more information as to what you can recycle please visit:
www.awmdelaware.gov/Recycling/Pages/



DELAWARE CITY DAY 2.0
WE WANT TO REVAMP OUR
COMMUNITY EVENT & WANT
YOUR INPUT!

THE THOUGHT IS...DELAWARE CITY DAY
HAS MORE OF A FAMILY FESTIVAL FOCUS

NEW TIMES ...NEW ATMOSPHERE...BUT THE
SAME COMMUNITY PRIDE!

PARADE STEPS OFF AT 3 p.m.
BATTERY PARK EVENTS BEGIN AT 3 p.m.
RESTAURANT SPECIALS inside & street side
Supplemental food trucks
LOCAL MERCHANTS in store and sidewalk sales
MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT from 4 p.m. - dusk
Children's activities & family games
FIREWORKS at dusk!

WHY? BECAUSE WE WANT TO CELEBRATE THE
HOMOGENEOUS SPIRIT OF DELAWARE CITY!

AE STREAMLINED
EVENT- ARRIVE
FOR THE PARADE
& STAY!

ONE EVENT
LEADS MORE
SMOOTHLY INTO
THE OTHER

MORE FAMILY
FOCUSED

HIGHLIGHTING
OUR LOCAL
BUSINESSES

SHARE YOUR
THOUGHTS!

PLEASE COMPLETE
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DELAWARE CITY DAY 2.0

Thanks in advance for your input!

THE FULL LISTING OF ACTIVITIES WE'RE PROPOSING INCLUDES:

Patriotic Parade
Musical Performances with
grass seating
Dunk tank
Large scale chess board
Cornhole games
Hopscotch
Double Dutch
Face painting
Children's Old School Game
Booths
Pony Rides
Children's activities
Specialty vendors
Restaurant specials
Food trucks
Merchant specials
BINGO
Fireworks

1. Are you in favor of the proposed changes? Yes ____ No ____

Comments: _____

2. Do you have any additional suggestions? Yes ____ No ____

Comments: _____

3. How important is it that there are children's activities are free or low cost?

Comments: _____

4. It is felt that the later start will allow for less disruption within the community? What are your thoughts: _____

5. Will you and or your family and friends be more or less likely to participate in Delaware City Day if its more family friendly and advertised effectively to portray the changed atmosphere?

Yes ____ No ____ Comment: _____

6. Would you be interested in serving on our committee?

Yes ____ No ____

7. What has been your most or least favorite aspect of recent Delaware City Day events?

Most favorite: _____

Least favorite: _____

Thank you!

**DELAWARE CITY
 DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT PLAN – 5 MINUTE OPINION SURVEY**

Calling all residents, employees, visitors, business owners, and business patrons in Delaware City! Be part of the City's Downtown Development District Plan. This Plan will identify opportunities and challenges within the City's downtown area, will establish goals for community and economic development, and will set forth strategies to achieve these goals.

Your participation will help us develop a Plan that best serves your needs!

The District Plan will be part of a potential application for Downtown Development District designation by the State of the Delaware. The State program seeks to revitalize downtown areas in the State through the use of economic development incentives.

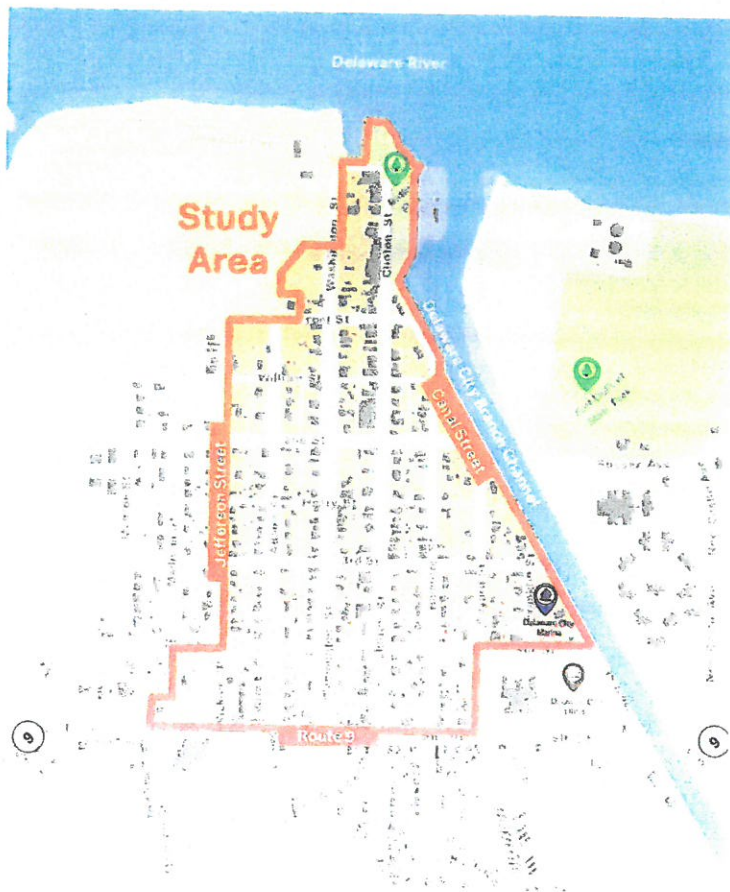
We are requesting that this survey be completed and returned by **Thursday, November 30, 2017**. It may be completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/y7dupzb7> or mailed/delivered to any of the following locations listed below. Additional copies may be found at these locations.

Delaware City Town Hall
 207 Clinton Street
 P. O. Box 4159
 Delaware City, DE 19706

Delaware City Post Office
 54 Clinton Street
 Delaware City, DE 19706

Delaware City Public Library
 250 5th Street
 Delaware City, DE 19706

For the purposes of this survey the term "downtown" includes the general area between 5th Street (Route 9) and the Delaware River, and Canal Street and Jefferson Street, as shown on the Study Area Map below.



1. Are you a: (Check all that apply)
- Delaware City Resident
 - Delaware City Property Owner
 - Delaware City Business Owner
 - Delaware City Employee
 - Visitor

2. How do you get to the downtown? (check all that apply)
- Drive
 - Bus
 - Bike
 - Walk

3. What time do you visit Delaware City's downtown? (check all that apply)
- Monday-Friday, before 5pm
 - Monday-Friday, after 5pm
 - Saturday-Sunday, before 5pm
 - Saturday-Sunday, after 5pm

4. Do you feel safe in the downtown during the day and night?

- | | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Day (sunrise to sunset) | Night (sunset to sunrise) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> No |

5. Do you feel that the current condition of the sidewalks and streets in the downtown support a safe walkable/bikeable community?
- Yes
 - No

If no, please explain: _____

6. How would you rate the following City strategies and actions to improve the downtown?

	<u>Very Good</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>Very Poor</u>	<u>Do Not Know</u>
Promotion and advertising of downtown businesses, attractions, and events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Economic development incentives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Administrative support and guidance of regulations, permits and approvals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clinton Street and Washington Street improvements (sidewalks, lighting, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zoning (permitted uses, development and design standards)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

7. What residents and clientele would you like to see more of in the downtown? (check all that apply)
- Young professionals
 - Young couples
 - Families with children
 - Retirees
 - Tourists
 - No changes needed

8. Would you support local and state government spending for continued improvements and incentives that encourage private investments in the downtown?

- Yes
- No

If yes, for what type of development and/or improvements? (check all that apply)

- New development
- Rehabilitation
- Façade improvements
- Infrastructure improvements
- Flood and sea level rise protection / Stormwater improvements
- Streetscape improvements
- Landscaping / Tree plantings
- Historic preservation

9. What is the one word you would use to describe Delaware City's downtown?

10. What is the one business or service you would patronize if it came to Delaware City's downtown?

11. What is the one thing you would improve in Delaware City's downtown?

12. What is the single greatest concern you have in Delaware City's downtown?

Contact Information (optional). We will only contact you to send you more information on the Downtown Development District planning process and the survey results.

Name: _____ Street Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

Thank you for your participation!

