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**DELAWARE CITY ELECTIONS FOR TOWN COUNCIL
TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018
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 3, 2018, 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 - Vote for only 3

Paul D. Fitzwater, III	Andrew Lancaster II
Natalie Greene	Chase E. Renoll
Elizabeth (Beth) Konkus	Margaret (Megan) Titus

- ◆ YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED VOTER WITH THE STATE OF DELAWARE 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION TO VOTE
- ◆ AFFIDAVITS TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL, 407 CLINTON STREET..
- ◆ ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL ON MARCH 15th. AN AFFIDAVIT MUST BE SUBMITTED TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.
- ◆ LAST DATE TO REQUEST AFFIDAVIT for an ABSENTEE BALLOT IS THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018.
- ◆ LAST DATE TO RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS 8:00 PM TUESDAY, APRIL 3, 2018 (Ballots returned on April 3rd must be brought to the Library Community Room).

*****THE LIBRARY WILL HOST A "MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT" ON TUESDAY, MARCH 27th
from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at 250 Fifth Street. *****

You can submit questions for the Candidates on <https://delawarecity.lib.de.us>

Message from City Manager

Let's Talk Signs!

Recently, as a result of a complaint, I had the opportunity to familiarize myself with our sign code. This is something I have not had the chance to do in the nine months I've been on board. Doing so also made me think sharing basic sign code information as adopted in 2016 might be in order.

To begin, and maybe the most important information I can share is that before anyone purchases a sign, reach out so we can guide you – we're here to help as most signage requires a permit and there are also various size limitations. The next important fact about town code is that due to a Federal ruling, signage can no longer be regulated due to content (purpose or messaging of the sign) but rather it must be regulated by the type and size of signage, (temporary, banner, digital, portable, etc.) which prompted Delaware City to make its 2016 changes.

For example: Political signs are not regulated, but the type and size of a sign that just happens to be a political sign will be.

Please know that I get it, it's confusing, so again reach out if you have questions. Staff and I are now actively reviewing the signs in town and will be reaching out to some property owners where signs are not in compliance and confirming those that have grandfather status. Rest assured, now that I've had the issue brought to my attention I will work to consistently apply the rules, and if my decision is of concern to anyone an appeal can be taken to the Board of Adjustment.

All my best,

Carol Houck, City Manager



Carol Houck

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day

Law Enforcement Appreciation Day is observed every year on January 9th, beginning in 2015. Law Enforcement Officers of every rank and file have chosen a profession that puts their life on the line every day for their communities. This day is to recognize their public service to us all. In honor of the event, Delaware City Lions Club provided the Delaware City Police Department with a 2018 Delaware City Lions Club Calendar, lunch and a card thanking them for their continued service.



Delaware City Events for March and April 2018



Pub Trivia: Irish Lore - March 13th the Delaware City Library hosts its monthly trivia night at Lewinsky's on Clinton. March's theme is "Irish Lore." 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Adults 21+.

LEGO® Club: St. Patrick's Day Build - March 17th, we host our monthly LEGO® Club session. Use your imagination and LEGO® bricks to build fantastic creations! March's theme is "St. Patrick's Day." 2 to 3 PM. Ages 7–12 years.

Wild Rumpus Story Time: Hop Into Spring! - March 24th we welcome back music educator Diane Delaney for *Wild Rumpus Story Time*, a movement-based story time. March's theme is "Hop into Spring." Listen to spring themed stories followed by an egg music maker activity! 12 to 1 PM. All ages.

Women Get to Business - Join us on March 24th for a chance to meet local female business owners and proprietors. Receive tips on starting your own business and support local businesses! Adults 1 to 2 PM.

PAWS for People - Read to a cuddly service dog or make up a story. This is great way to acclimate children to public speaking and announcing while bonding with an animal. March 18th; April 8th & 22nd from 1 to 2 PM. All ages welcome.

Seven Rings Irish Band Concert - Celebrate Irish-American Heritage Month with a live concert by Irish band Seven Rings! March 20th 6 to 7 PM. All ages.

Egg Hunt - Our ever popular egg hunt program takes place on Saturday, March 31st. Hunt for treat-filled eggs! Noon to 1 PM. Ages 0 – 12 years.

Audio Club - This new club is a book club for music lovers! Discuss your favorite music with fellow music lovers. Receive curated recommendations from library staff! March focuses on women in music for Women's History Month! March 21st, April 18th 6 – 7 PM. Adults.

Create Your Own Children's Book - On April 30th celebrate Children's Book Week by writing a story and creating your own children's book. 5 to 6 PM. Children.

For additional programs at the library please visit our website at <http://delawarecity.lib.de.us> or like us on Facebook!

March - April Events Continued

Ebenezer Methodist Church, 306 Clinton Street

Thursday, March 29th Fund Raiser at Texas Roadhouse 4 to 11PM

Saturday, Apr 14th Annual Cancer Walk (In Memory of Ivy). Registration is 9AM and the walk starts at 9:30 AM. \$25 for individual, 2 or more people \$50. Limited number of T-shirts for sale.

Saturday, April 28th during the Town Wide Yard Sale, there will be grilled items for sale and at 11AM oyster sandwiches will be available. Also tables will be available to rent (to be used on the Church Property Only) \$10 each. The Lions Club will have breakfast items at 8AM. A bake table and car raffle tickets will also be offered for sale.

Dragon Run Park Commission

Dragon Run Park Commission will sponsor its Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, March 25 from 1 to 3 PM. Children 12 years of age and under who reside in the Delaware City area are invited to attend.



First Presbyterian Church, Corner of 2nd & Jefferson Street

Easter Sunday Service: April 1st at 10:00 a.m.
Please Join Us.



Senior Tax Exemption

The Deadline for filing a Senior Tax Exemption Application is April 16th at 5:00 p.m. at Town Hall to be considered for a reduction on your City Property Tax and Water Rates.

Reedy Point Players— April 20 & 21 at 8 PM and April 22 at 2 PM.

Next on stage, The Reedy Point Players present *Full Frontal Nudity*, a hilarious comedy written by Jerry Rabushka and directed by Aniela Meinhardt. Produced by special permission from Heuer Publishing. This hilarious audience interactive production is about a small town theater performing original work but has trouble drawing patrons due to the competition of a much larger playhouse that puts on familiar full-scale musicals. Leading man, Conrad, decides the best way to bring in an audience is to give it what it wants. Suddenly the rumors start flying...*full frontal nudity!*

Due to adult language and situations, this show is recommended for ages 16 and up. But don't worry, there really isn't any nudity — that's only a rumor!! **Performances will be Tickets are \$5 and \$12 CASH ONLY AT THE DOOR.** Advance tickets are available at <https://reedypointplayers.ticketleap.com>

Up next. The Reedy Point Players will host a kick-off date for their upcoming "One Act Playwriting Competition". All playwrights (and aspiring playwrights) are welcome to attend. Kick-Off Meeting will be April 28th. For further details on location and time, please see our website:

<http://www.thereedypointplayers.com>

Town-wide Yard Sale—April 28

The Town-wide Yard Sale will be Saturday, April 28th from 8:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Set-up early for the early bird shoppers! We hope all the organizations, businesses, churches, and families will set up a sale. **Mainstreet** will be advertising on



Free Large Item Pick-up— Monday, April 30th

For all those unsold items from the Town-wide Yard Sale. Refrigerators and air conditioners will only be removed with advance arrangements with Waste Industries by calling 302-378-5400

Blood Donation Drive Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Blood Donation Drive will be held Wednesday, May 9th
At the Delaware City Fire Company
10 AM until 6 PM



7th Annual St. Georges Blues Festival 2018

Ft. DuPont Parade Grounds, Delaware City

Saturday & Sunday, June 9th & 10th
11:45 AM to 8:00 PM

Featuring on Saturday, June 9th *The Night Hawks & Billy Price*
on Sunday, June 10th *The Michael Allman Band and many more!*

Information & Tickets available online at www.bluehorizonpromotions.com



Special Thanks...



Small Business Customer Appreciation Day

On Friday, February 9th Wilmington Savings Fund Society's Bank Manager, Anthony Branda, visited Town Hall with cupcakes from *The Sweetest Rose Cupcake Company* to show his appreciation for our business with WSFS.

BE PREPARED BEFORE A FLOOD

Floods can happen anytime and anywhere. And they can happen fast:

- If you don't have a flood insurance policy, contact your insurance agent today. If you have purchased a policy, review your policy with your agent and ask questions to make sure you have the proper amount of coverage.
- Keep your flood insurance policy and insurance agent's contact information on hand in the event you need to file a claim.
- Copy important documents (mortgage papers, deed, passport, bank information, etc.). Keep copies in your home and store originals in a secure place outside the home, such as a bank safe deposit box.
- Take photos of your possessions (furniture, antiques and collectibles, musical instruments, electronic equipment, etc.). Store copies with your other important documents.
- Save receipts for expensive household items (appliances, electronic equipment, etc.) as proof of original cost.
- Make an itemized list of other possessions, such as clothing, books, and small kitchen appliances. The more comprehensive your list, the better.

HAVE AN EMERGENCY PLAN

Emergency plans are a critical component of flood preparation:

- Give your emergency contact information to your insurance agent, employer, and family.
- Put aside an emergency kit with a flashlight, a battery-powered or handcrank radio, additional batteries, candles, and waterproof matches.
- Keep a minimum 3-day supply of nonperishable food and bottled water on hand.
- Visit Ready.gov for more information.

BE PREPARED DURING A FLOOD

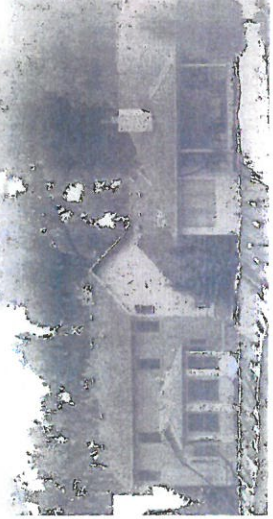
If you are affected by a flood, here are things you can do to stay safe:

- Heed official instructions. Monitor potential flood hazards on NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards or on the Internet at NOAAwatch.gov/floods.php.
- Don't walk through a flooded area. Just 6 inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- Don't drive through a flooded area. A car can be carried away by just 2 feet of water.
- Keep away from downed power lines and any other electrical wires.
- Animals that lost their homes during a flood may seek shelter in your home and aggressively defend themselves.

WHAT TO DO AFTER A FLOOD

If you experience a flood, here are some steps to take once the waters have receded:

- Check for structural damage before entering your home. If you suspect damage to water, gas, electric, or sewer lines, contact authorities.
- Remove wet contents like carpeting, furniture, and bedding immediately but keep swatches for the adjuster. Mold can develop within 24 to 48 hours. Use dehumidifiers and air-conditioners to dry out the building.
- Photograph and list all damaged or lost items including their age and value where possible. Take photos of water in the house. Adjusters need evidence of the damage to prepare your estimate.
- Plan before you repair. Contact your local building inspections, planning office, or clerk's office to get information on local building requirements.



STORMWATER MANAGEMENT

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 lessen pollution from these surfaces. These common individual behaviors have the potential to generate stormwater pollution:

- **Disposing of pet-waste** – when walking your pet pick up your pet waste. Do not leave it to pollute our water. Best way to dispose of the waste is to flush it.
- **Applying lawn-chemicals** – Read the label for application and disposal. Apply only what is needed. To store left over fertilizer, put it in sealed and keep away from children, pets and water.
- **Washing cars** –use commercial car wash or wash cars in grass. New Castle County has a loaner storm drain stopper program where you put the insert in the storm drain to prevent pollution from entering the storm drain.
- **Changing motor-oil** on impervious driveways - dispose of old motor oil by putting it in a plastic jug or metal can and take it to a n oil recycling center. Check DSWA website www.dswa.com for drop off points
- **Household Hazardous Waste** -that needs to be disposed of specially are-

1. Insecticides, fungicides and animal care products
2. Pesticides, herbicides and wood preservatives
3. Fluorescent light bulbs, compact fluorescent lights and other mercury-containing devices (switches, thermometers, thermostats and ballasts), including thermometers and thermostats
4. Rechargeable and button batteries
5. Photographic chemicals, hobby-set chemicals
6. Pool chemicals and ammonium nitrate fertilizers
7. Lead and other non-latex paints, paint strippers, rust removers
8. Corrosive or caustic cleaners and acids, including battery acids and toilet and drain cleaners
9. Flammables, including oil-based paints, solvents, and fuel and fluids for cars, tools and machines
10. Very old products that may contain banned or restricted chemicals such as DDT
11. Prescription medicines
12. Personal care items such as nail polish and removers
13. Home aerosols and cleaners, including bleaches
14. Ammunition and firecrackers
15. Antifreeze

It takes individual behavior change and proper practices to control such pollution. Please visit www.dswa.com for ways and places to dispose the above. If you would not drink it, do not dump it!

From EPA- Outreach Materials and Reference Documents

Revised 2018 Recycling Schedule**NOTICE****REVISED 2018 SCHEDULE**

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	14, 29 (Tuesday Due to Memorial Day)
JUNE	11, 25
JULY	9, 23
AUGUST	6, 20
SEPTEMBER	4 (Tues due to Labor Day), 17
OCTOBER	1, 15, 29
NOVEMBER	12, 26
DECEMBER	10, 24

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 302-739-95403

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 in- to 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:



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