



City News

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Mayor :
Stanley E. Green

Council Members:
Betty Barrett
Beth Konkus
Robert Malinowski
Megan Titus
Chase Renoll

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Carol Houck
Chief of Police:
David Baylor

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Police Department
(302) 836-6344

Delaware City Fire Hall
(302) 834-9336

Post Office
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Library
(302) 834-4148

Fire Hall Rental
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Park Building Rental
(302) 834-0662

For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people's love and concern for each other."

-- Millard Fuller

ELECTION RESULTS



The Municipal Election was held on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Congratulations go out to Council Member Megan Titus on her re-election to a 2-year term. Congratulations to Beth Konkus and Chase Renoll on their election to a 2-year term on Council. They were sworn in on Monday, April 16, 2018.

We extend our thanks to all the candidates who ran for office. A special thanks to Paul (Bud) Fitzwater III and Natalie Greene for their service to the City during their terms in office.

CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Washington Street Flood Mitigation Project Underway...

As we head towards summer and our towns busy season you will notice some activity down by the river and adjacent to the city parking lot on Washington Street. The work is related to the Washington Street Flood Mitigation Project for which planning and engineering has been underway since 2014. While the project design has gone through some starts and stops, earlier this spring Phase One of the construction work was started and we're gearing up for portions of Phase Two to begin as well.



Taking the photo's one by one, the first is of the problem the project is to solve... likely a familiar image to many residents and visitors.



The second is the current area over the flood wall which will be cleaned up and fortified with a rip rap apron (large stone) to accept the force of water the large pumps will deliver during storm events. A new, longer outflow pipe will be installed and held in place with concrete anchors.

The last is the location of the wet well where pumps will be submerged to the left of the concrete vault in the photo with the pipes emerging from the area to the right and up over the sea wall.



The project will also include 350' of new piping and catch basins along Washington Street. In storms, water will flow into the catch basins and then into the new storm pipes and be pumped back out and over the sea wall. Final completion of the project is expected to be by early 2019.

DELAWARE CITY DAY



Spectacular Fireworks



Mark Your Calendars — *DELAWARE CITY DAY*, Saturday, July 21st.
Volunteers are needed for this special town event. If interested in volunteering in the various areas, please contact City Manager Carol Houck.

ALL RESIDENTS EAST OF FIFTH STREET WILL NEED A RESIDENTS' PARKING PASS

East of Fifth Street will be closed to all traffic from 5 p.m. until after the fireworks. If you live in this area (every resident on the Valero side of 5th Street), please come to Town Hall for a new parking pass (the old ones will no longer be honored). Each resident must show proof of residency to receive the two passes. The new parking pass is to be hung from the rear view mirror so you can enter the City East of Fifth Street after 5 p.m. Only two (2) parking passes will be issued per household. **NO EXCEPTIONS!!!** Residents can pick up passes at Town Hall beginning June 1, 2018 and ending July 18, 2018.

PLEASE NO DOGS on Delaware City Day
In the business district

Front Street - Clinton Street - Harbor Street - Washington Street



PET ETIQUETTE

Please remember to pick-up your dog's waste when walking your dog around town. There are dispensers with doggie waste bags available in the park and trash receptacles to place them in. Lets all work together to keep our City clean and pleasant for everyone.

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

During Delaware City Day, the Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 306 Clinton Street, will serve grilled hot dogs, sodas and water. Local produce will be on sale from members of the congregation. The sales will help finance our annual Bible School.

DELAWARE CITY LIONS CLUB

The Delaware City Lions Club will have a canopy set-up near the Post Office to sell raffle tickets. This year the car to be raffled is a **2019 Jeep Cherokee Latitude 4x4 (\$18,000.)** Membership applications for prospective members will be available. Bring along your prescription glasses you no longer use for recycling.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Join us for "**Hattitude Sunday**" on Mother's Day

Sunday, May 13th you are invited to join us for our 10 a.m. worship service and wear your favorite hat. This includes men, women and children. Fellowship Hour will follow the worship service.



"We make a living by
what we get, but we
make a life by what we
give."

- Winston Churchill

*Mothers
hold their
children's hands
for a while,
but their hearts
forever.*



DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY

SEEKING CANDIDATES FOR LIBRARY BOARD

The Delaware City Library is seeking people who are interested in serving on its board of directors. The board of directors oversees the library as representatives of the community and supports the library's operation, budget, and programming.

Members serve three-year terms and meet monthly on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. No prior experience necessary, just appreciation of the library's past, present, and future role in our community and interest in the library's continual growth.

Anyone interested can pick up an application at the Delaware City Library or contact library director Alexandra (Alex) Monroe at any of the following:

E-mail: Alexandra.Monroe@lib.de.us
Phone: (302) 834-4148
By post: Delaware City Library
P.O. Box 541
Delaware City, DE 19706

Attn: Alexandra Monroe, Director

Find us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DelawareCityLibrary>
Visit our website: <https://delawarecity.lib.de.us>



“A library outranks any other one thing a community can do to benefit its people. It is a never failing spring in the desert.”

— Andrew Carnegie

DELAWARE CITY 55+

Please join us!
Every Monday and Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
at the Delaware City Library.
We have fun!!!



SHREDDING & RECYCLING EVENT

Saturday, June 2, 2018 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Governor Bacon Parade Grounds at Fort DuPont

Want to get rid of some of those old electronics and paint cans? There will be a large shredder at the Parade Ground to use for shredding all your unwanted papers. You can also bring all your old electronic goods to dispose of and any household waste such as paints, cleaners, etc.

Remember you cannot put electronics or household hazardous waste in your regular recycling carts! They must be disposed of in an environmentally safe way .

Lets keep our environment safe!
This event is sponsored by DSWA.



LADIES' AUXILIARY SUB SALE



The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Delaware City Fire Company will be holding their Sub Sale on Thursday, May 17th from 6:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. or until sold out.

To place an order, call: 834-9336 or Fax: 302.934.9126 Please pickup your order by 11:00

SAVE THE DATES



You won't want to miss these upcoming events so mark your calendars now!

- October 6th Tribute to the Piano Men: Elton John & Billy Joel
- October 14th Coach & Michael Kors Bag Bingo
- November 17th Murder Mystery Dinner: "Murder at the Long Branch Saloon"

Don't miss out on any announcements, like us on Facebook and check out our website: www.dfc15.com

7th ANNUAL ST. GEORGES BLUES FESTIVAL 2018



FORT DuPONT PARADE GROUNDS, DELAWARE CITY, DELAWARE

will be the host site for 7th Annual Blues Festival

Saturday, June 9th and Sunday, June 10th

11:45 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, June 9th will feature *The Night Hawks & Billy Price*

Sunday, June 10th *The Michael Allman Band* and many more!!

Information and tickets are available online at www.bluehorizonproMotions.com

CODE RED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM



The City of Delaware City is in the process of implementing an Emergency Notification System for all of our residents. *Code Red* is the name of the notification system. It is designed to notify our residents of various types of emergencies such as: bad weather; flooding; natural disasters and emergency information from the police and fire departments.

Sometime in the next month (June 2018) you will be contacted regarding the opportunity to provide us with contact information to add you to the notification system. While this is not mandatory, we would strongly urge your participation so we can notify you and your family of any emergency situation. Please visit the City of Delaware City's web page at <https://delawarecity.delaware.gov/> in June for information on how to add your contact information into the Code Red system.

FLOOD HAZARD

Delaware City is vulnerable to coastal storms and flooding from the Delaware River, the C&D Canal, and the Dragon Run. Flash-flooding is the general type of flooding in 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. It is very hard to judge just how deep flood waters are, so **Turn around, don't drown!**



Chief Baylor is in the process of initiating the **Code Red Emergency Plan**. In case of flooding, or any City emergency, you will receive a phone call notifying you of the emergency. In the case of an evacuation order, designate a place where your family can meet. Visit our website: www.delawarecity.delaware.gov for tips on how to prepare for an emergency.

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 insurance rate map (FIRM) and they are particularly susceptible to flooding. To find out if your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), or the base flood elevation of your property, or to find more information for flood protection please call Town Hall at 302-834-4573 or visit the Town's website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov. You can also visit <http://maps.dnrec.delaware.gov/FloodPlanning/default.html> and find additional information if your property has any special flood related hazards

Contact your insurance agent to see if you have flood insurance. Remember flood insurance only covers the structure. It does not cover your home's contents. Make sure you get the additional insurance for your contents. If you are a renter, you can get a Preferred Risk Flood insurance policy for your contents. Remember flood insurance does not go into effect for 30 days after purchase. Call your insurance agent today.

A few ways to protect your property from a flood hazard are:

- ◆ replace your current furnace and elevate it above the base flood level.
- ◆ store your valuables and insurance papers upstairs in a waterproof container.

For more information visit our website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov and click on Flood-plain Management on the left side of the screen.

You can contact DNREC (<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/drainage/pages/flooding.aspx>) or FEMA (www.fema.com/federalemergencymanagementagency) to see if any grant money is available to elevate your home.

If you have to repair your home after a storm, or at any time, and your property is in the flood-plain, you will need a building permit. Please contact Town Hall at 302-834-4573 to get a permit and find out ways to build back stronger. Don't build or grade within 10' from the property line so you do not alter the drainage between homes. This is one reason why you should only use licensed contractors who know the rules for building in the Floodplain.

We need to all work together to protect our Community and your property .





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There will be no trash or recycling pick-up on the following holidays:

- ◆ Memorial Day, May 28th Trash & recycle will be picked up Tuesday, May 29th
- ◆ Labor Day, September 3rd Trash & Recycle will be picked up Tuesday, September 4th

HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

- Assemble supplies you might need in an evacuation. Store them in an easy-to-carry container such as a backpack or duffle bag. Include:
 - A supply of water (one gallon per person per day). Store water in sealed, unbreakable containers. Identify the storage date and replace every six months.
 - A supply of non-perishable packaged or canned food and a non-electric can opener.
 - A change of clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes.
 - Blankets or sleeping bags.
 - A first aid kit and prescription medications.
 - An extra pair of glasses.
 - A battery-powered radio, flashlight and plenty of extra batteries.
 - Credit cards and cash.
 - An extra set of car keys.
 - A list of family physicians.
 - A list of important family information: the style and serial number of medical devices
 - Special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members, content

PREPARE A DISASTER SUPPLIES



DELAWARE CITY

2017 WATER QUALITY REPORT

P.O. Box 4159, 407 Clinton Street, Delaware City, DE 19706

PWSID: DE0000566

Report Created: May 2018

We are pleased to provide you with this annual water quality report for 2017. You will see that substances such as iron, chloride, and sodium are commonly found in drinking water. They occur naturally and, at trace levels, are not harmful to drink. The report shows at what levels any substances were found during tests conducted from January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017, unless otherwise specified. If you have any questions about this report or the quality of your water, please contact Ms. Carol Houck, City Manager, at (302) 834-4573. If you wish to learn more, please attend any of the regularly scheduled meetings of Mayor and Council held the third Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. in the Paul H. Morrill, Jr. Community Center, located at 250 Fifth Street, Delaware City, DE 19706.

A Safe Water Source

The water serving your home comes from the Potomac aquifer via two (2) wells at depths of 720 and 737 feet. This aquifer is confined and protected from the influence of past farming activities and saltwater intrusion. The Division of Public Health (DPH) in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) has conducted source water assessments for nearly all community water systems in the state. Copies can be obtained by contacting Ms. Carol Houck at (302) 834-4573 or by visiting DNREC's Source Water Program website at <http://delawaresourcewater.org/assessments/>.

Expected Substances in Drinking Water

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses.

- Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally-occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health.

If You Have Special Health Concerns

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791).

Lead In Drinking Water

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at www.epa.gov/safewater/lead.

Radon

Radon is a radioactive gas that is found in nearly all soils. It typically moves up through the ground to the air and into homes through the foundation. Drinking water from a ground water source can also add radon to the home air. The EPA indicates that, compared to radon entering the home through soil, radon entering the home through water will in most cases be a small source of risk. The EPA and the State of Delaware have not yet set standards for monitoring radon in drinking water, although we do expect sampling to become mandatory in the near future. We are keeping a close eye on the situation and will be sure to comply with any new regulations as required.

Definition of Terms

In the table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

- **90th Percentile** – The ninth highest (out of a total of ten) lead and copper readings, used to determine compliance with the Lead and Copper Rule.
- **Action Level** - The concentration of a contaminant, which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** - the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Disinfection Residual Level (MRDL)** – the highest level of a disinfectant in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for the control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Disinfection Residual Level Goal (MRDLG)** – the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** – a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the average person.
- **Non-Detects (nd)** - laboratory analysis indicates that the constituent is not present.
- **Not Regulated (n/r)** - no MCL identified because this substance is unregulated.
- **Picocuries per Liter (pCi/l)** – a measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Parts per Billion (ppb)** – one part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years or a single penny in \$10,000,000.

Parts per Million (ppm) - one part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.

Important Information Pertaining to Radon:

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