



# CITY NEWS

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## MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR

I want to take this opportunity to thank each and every citizen of Delaware City for supporting our town. As I rode around Delaware City on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July I had an opportunity to observe many family gatherings taking place. I heard the various types of music being played and especially enjoyed hearing the laughter of adults and children having fun together. None of us can replace the type of joy that families, friends and loved ones experience on days like this. I have always and will continue to state how hard working and dedicated the citizens are in Delaware City.



Stanley E. Green,

The City of Delaware City and all of you truly represent small town USA.

## CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

This past May 31<sup>st</sup> marked a year since I began serving as the City Manager here in Delaware City. It has been a busy and rewarding year for me, getting to know residents and business owners, understanding the inner workings of the organization and working with the Mayor and Council on issues impacting the community.

I am happy to say that the start of the new fiscal year this month also brought more clarity to our financial situation, and stronger awareness of areas that we need to focus on. To that end, the city will engage in a state required Comprehensive Plan Update, due to the State of Delaware Planning Office in November of next year.

This ten-year plan update will provide opportunities to share your thoughts and concerns at various outreach events and engagements. Your participation in this process is important to ensure Delaware City continues to address the needs and interests of its residents. The first engagement opportunity will take place at Delaware City Day, on July 21<sup>st</sup> and will be positioned alongside the Information Booth in front of the Post Office. Please plan to stop by our booth!

While space doesn't allow to log all that we have been working on, the most impactful include:

- Completion of a financial accounting review and recent launch of an improved software system.
- Evaluation of our water utility with future decisions regarding its operations expected later this year.
- Reenergized the halted Washington Street Flood Mitigation Project with construction currently underway and expected to be completed by early 2019 – this important project benefited early on from substantial grant funding from FEMA, and the New Castle Conservation District, and more recently from low interest state revolving loans and end of session grant funding support from DNREC sought and garnered by Representative Longhurst.



## DELAWARE CITY DAY

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 the Police Department, 2nd floor of 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 the **Police Department** in Town Hall now until July 18, 2018.

PLEASE NO DOGS on Delaware City Day  
 In the business district

## DELAWARE CITY DAY REMINDERS!!



**Pets, bicycles, skateboards, alcohol, and open flames**, are all prohibited on Clinton Street (between Second Street and Battery Park) after 4:00 p.m. on Delaware City Day!

**Personal Fireworks** of any type are prohibited!

**Handicapped Parking** will be at the Delaware City Fire Department parking lot on Fifth Street. **Shuttle service for the disabled will be available beginning 12:00 noon and will end at 11:00 p.m.**

**Shuttle service will begin 4:00 p.m. and will end at 11:00 p.m.** Shuttles will be run to and from 7th & Warfel and Warfel & Nowland in Harbor Estates, and from Ft. DuPont dropping off passengers at 2nd & Clinton. We are encouraging all to use the shuttle services.

**Washington Street will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning 4:00 p.m. and will reopen at 11 p.m.**

**Parking violations will be strictly enforced!**  
**Vehicles are also subject to be towed!**

## DELAWARE CITY DAY RAFFLE

Delaware City Day Committee  
 is

Raffling off **TWO Tickets**  
**Monday, December 3, 2018 Game**  
**Lincoln Financial Field**  
**Kick Off at 8:15 p.m.**



**TICKETS VALUED AT \$600.00**  
**Choice Seating**

Purchase your tickets at  
 the Information Booth on  
 Delaware City Day By 5:00 p.m.

Drawing will be held on  
 at 5:30 p.m.  
 at the Stage on the porch of the  
**American Birding Association**  
*You do not have to be present to win!*

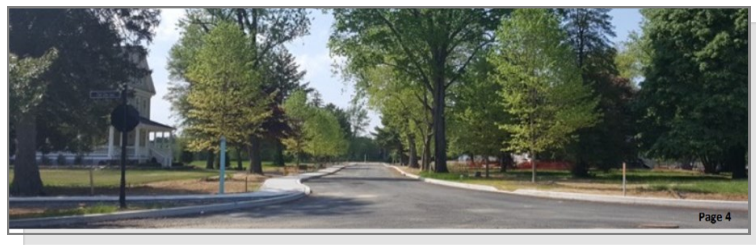
## FORT DUPONT ...Jeff Randol

In 2014 the Fort DuPont Redevelopment and Preservation Corporation was created by the General Assembly to take ownership of the 405-acre complex known since 1948 as the Governor Bacon Health Center. The complex is now being redeveloped as a mixed use lifestyle and destination community. New housing will soon be underway with a spec home on Officers Row and model home in the Canal District starting this fall. Plans are to build 85 homes over the next 5 years in the Canal District and Officers Row subdivisions along with ongoing restoration of historic residences.



Preservation of the historic structures is a high priority. On Battery Lane, the Corporation has entered into an agreement to sell the twelve residential units across from the Surplus building. Renovations are expected to start on these units in the fall along with the completion this year of 3 more buildings.

Road and infrastructure improvements are underway in the Canal District and along the main road, which is scheduled to be reconstructed and paved this summer and fall.



Marina designs have been completed and submitted for permitting. The plan is to add 120 slips to the Branch Canal and create a Marina Village that will include a Hotel and Conference Center, restaurant and apartments.

Flood plain management is another infrastructure improvement underway. The Canal District and Officers Row districts are being filled with dirt and raised out of the flood plain. The Marina Village will be raised as well. Plans to protect the balance of the site from flooding require a levee, which will also serve as an elevated bike path. The levee construction will start next year and will basically circle the primary area of development and preservation. The elevated bike path will add to the recreational amenities of the site and expand opportunities for those using the Castle Trail.

These are just a few of the highlights of what's happening at Fort DuPont.

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## CODE RED EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

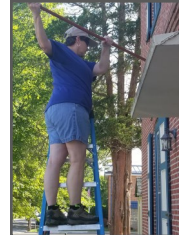
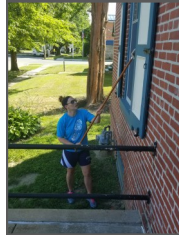
The City of Delaware City has implemented an Emergency Notification System, **Code Red**. It is designed to notify our residents of various types of emergencies such as: bad weather; flooding; natural disasters and emergency information from the police and fire departments.

Signing up for this system is not mandatory, but 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> for information on how to add your contact information into the **Code Red** system.



## SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

Delaware City Town Hall extends a huge thanks to staff members of the law offices of **Connolly & Gallagher** for their labors to spruce up the outside of Town Hall. With buckets, brooms and ladder they spent the morning ridding the front façade of cobwebs and other debris that had collected over time. We have a fresh new look thanks to Gail Wagner, Marie Petrucci, Kevin Meinhardt and Jake Hunter. A Job Well Done!!



## DELMARVA POWER

### SUMMER PREPAREDNESS

Delmarva Power is hard at work prepping their systems and testing their processes and procedures in their effort to provide safe and reliable service for their customers all summer long. In addition to modernizing and reinforcing the local energy grid, they are conducting emergency response drills and complete testing of computer and emergency systems as part of their season preparedness efforts.

Just like Delmarva Power prepares for summer, customers should also be ready too. Summer storms can result in power outages, and customers can take a few simple steps to be ready:



- Assemble an emergency storm kit. Include a battery-powered radio, flashlight, extra batteries, a first-aid kit, special needs items, and a list of emergency phone numbers.
- Have at least a three-day supply of bottled water and easy-to-prepare nonperishable foods.
- Identify a safe alternate location in case of an extended outage.
- Visit [delmarva.com/mobileapp](http://delmarva.com/mobileapp) and download our mobile app to report outages or other service issues and stay up to date should summer storms cause a service interruption to your home or business.
- Remember, always stay away from any storm damaged electrical equipment, especially downed power lines. Customers are asked to immediately report a downed wire by calling 1-800-898-8042.
- Review the manufacturer's instructions for safe operation of your generator. Do not connect a generator directly to your home's wiring. Never use a generator indoors, in an attached garage or other enclosed area.

Find additional storm preparedness tips at [delmarva.com/storm](http://delmarva.com/storm).

When summer temperatures rise, customers also can take simple steps to help keep their energy costs down:



- **Turn it off:** Turn off all unnecessary lighting and devices.
- **Manage our thermostat:** Keep thermostats at a constant, comfortable level when at home. Raise the thermostat setting for days of extreme heat to save even more. Install a programmable thermostat to automatically adjust your home's temperature settings when you're away or sleeping.



- **Keep shades, blinds and curtains closed:** About 40% of unwanted heat comes through windows. Simply closing blinds and curtains, which act as a layer of insulation, can reduce heat in your home.
- **Use ceiling fans to circulate air:** For those without air conditioning, use ceiling fans or portable fans with the windows partially open to circulate fresh air into your home. For those with air conditioning, fans can be used to evenly distribute cool air.
- **Use appliances wisely:** Run appliances that produce heat (like clothes dryers, ovens and dishwashers) at night when it is cooler.

By taking a few simple steps, we can be ready, stay safe, stay cool, and use less energy this summer.

## FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Delaware City is vulnerable to coastal storms and flooding. 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 map and are particularly susceptible to flooding. Information on whether your property is in the floodplain, a Coastal A Zone, historic flood area, or has wetlands, can be obtained by coming to Town Hall, 407 Clinton Street, Delaware City DE 19706 or by calling 302-834-4573.



For information on flood protection, please contact Town Hall at 302-834-4573, or visit us at 407 Clinton Street, and our staff will help you by giving you advice on how to protect your property. Staff can also refer you to an agency that will visit your property to assess your property and tell you ways to protect your property, and in some incidents they can help you save on your Flood Insurance.

A few ways to protect your property from a flood hazard is to elevate your furnace above the base flood and to store your valuables and insurance papers upstairs in a waterproof container. You can also visit our website [www.delawarecity.delaware.gov](http://www.delawarecity.delaware.gov) and click on Floodplain Management on the left side of the screen for more information about living in the flood plain.

Flash-flooding is the general type of flooding caused by the Canal and Dragon Run. For 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. **Turn around, don't drown!** It is very hard to judge just how deep flood waters can be. Designate a place where your family can meet if an evacuation order is issued.

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. Do not forget flood insurance does not go into effect for 30 days. Call your insurance agent today.

If you have to repair your home after a storm, or at any time and your property is in the floodplain, please contact Town Hall at 302-834-4573 to get a permit and find out ways to build back stronger including the mandatory elevations for your property. Most repairs will need a permit. You can visit our website [www.delawarecity.delaware.gov](http://www.delawarecity.delaware.gov) for more information or call Town Hall 302-834-4573.

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## STORM WATER

As storm water runoff flows over land surfaces—pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs—it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. 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 storm water 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 storm water 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.



## THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DELAWARE

### Our Summer Schedule

**Weekly Services for the month of July** will be held on **Sundays at 9:45 a.m. at**

**The First Presbyterian Church of Port Penn**

located at 8 Market Street in Port Penn.

(If you would like a ride to Port Penn on July 15, our minister, Grace Howard, will be happy to give you a ride. Please call her at 302-593-3063 and meet her at The First Presbyterian Church of Delaware City, 130 Jefferson Street at 9:15 a.m.)

**Services for Sundays August 5, 12, and 19** will be held at **10:00 a.m.**

**at The First Presbyterian Church of Delaware City**

located at 138 Jefferson Street in Delaware City.

**On Sunday, August 26, 2018, our service will be held at**

**Old Drawyers (Presbyterian) Church**

located on Route 13 near Odessa, DE

jointly with The First Presbyterian Church of Port Penn.



**We hope to have you join us!**

If you would like prayers, please call Rev. Grace Howard at 302-593-3063 or e-mail her at [gracehoward@gmail.com](mailto:gracehoward@gmail.com)

## EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

During Delaware City Day, the Ebenezer United Methodist Church, 306 Clinton Street, will have grilled hot dogs, sodas and water available.

In addition, members will have a variety of locally grown produce for sale!



## LIONS CLUB

The Lions Club will be selling Car Raffle Tickets under their canopy.

Also, they will be accepting prescription glasses for recycling.

Applications to join the Lions Club will be available for prospective members.



## YOGA CLASSES

Gentle Yoga every Monday night

Dragon Run Park

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

\$2.00 for Residents & \$5.00 for Non-Residents

No Sign-Up Necessary



## DELAWARE CITY FIRE

Dine at Crabby Dick's on Monday July 30th from 11AM to close and The Delaware City Fire Company will receive a % of the sales. Flyer must be presented - which can be picked up at The Delaware City Fire Company.



## DRAGON RUN WATER PARTY

Dragon Run Park District is holding a fun-filled family event  
Saturday, August 18, 2018 Noon until 4 p.m.  
Bring your own chair



## DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY'S JULY & AUGUST EVENTS

**Pub Trivia** – A monthly trivia night held at Lewinsky's on Clinton. Contact the library for this month's theme. July 17<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>. 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Adults 21+.

**Art in the Library: Artist Appreciation**- We celebrate Artist Appreciation Month with an acrylic painting class. Paintings will then be displayed in the library during the month of August. August 12<sup>th</sup>. 1 – 2:30 PM. Adults. Registration required.



**Lunch at the Library**- Children 18 and under are served a free, nutritious lunch followed by a fun summer activity. Every Monday and Wednesday until August 8<sup>th</sup>. 12:30 – 2 PM. Families.

**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. July 15<sup>th</sup>; August 5<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>. 1-2 PM. All ages welcome.



**Photography with Wyeth**- Celebrate famed local painter Andrew Wyeth's 100th birthday by walking the grounds of the library to take photos of local scenery in the style of Wyeth. Bring your own digital photography device such as a tablet or phone. A limited number of devices will be available on a first come first serve basis. July 12<sup>th</sup>. 6 -7 PM. Adults. Registration required.

**Second Saturday's Rock: evergo and Pristine Raeign**- Come to this family friendly monthly summer concert series at the library. In July we host female fronted indie rock band evergo from Philadelphia. In August we host Pristine Raeign, the "premier Tristate purveyors of Soul, Funk, Jazz, Motown and the Philly Sound." July 14<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>. 1 -2 PM. All ages.



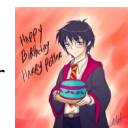
**Rock the Mic: Hip Hop and Literacy**- All ages are invited to this interactive performance featuring music videos, multi-media presentations, call and response and rhythmic movement that will involve the entire audience. July 16<sup>th</sup>. 6 -7 PM. All ages.

**Reading Rocks!** - Adults are invited to paint book themed rocks for all age groups. The rocks will then be hidden around town for people to return to check out the associated book, and win a prize. Help us bring this literacy-themed community project to life! July 22<sup>nd</sup>. 12:30 – 2 PM. Adults. Registration requested.



**Strategies to Get out of Debt with The Money School**- The Delaware Financial Literacy Institute brings this informative session on debt reduction strategies. This course will go over concepts of getting out of debt and ways to accelerate debt reduction. Budgeting to get out of debt as well as creating an overall plan to get out of debt will be discussed. July 26<sup>th</sup>. 6 -7 PM. Adults.

**Harry Potter Birthday Bash**- Celebrate not only Harry Potter's birthday, but J.K. Rowling herself! Play Harry Potter related games and eat birthday cake. July 28<sup>th</sup>. 1 -2 PM. All ages. Registration requested.



**Summer Reading Wrap-Up with Sciencetellers**- Children are invited to a wrap-up party for the Summer Reading Challenge with a performance from the Sciencetellers. Children who completed the program will receive certificates of completion. August 18<sup>th</sup>. 2 -3 PM. Families.

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

## REEDY POINT PLAYERS

### THE BARD IS COMING TO DELAWARE CITY

The Reedy Point Players are proud to present **ROMEO & JULIET**  
Directed by Erin Miller and adapted for our stage by Kevin Austr.



Our modern version takes place in 2018 New York City but keeps the beloved Shakespearian language.

This updated classic of Romeo & Juliet tells the story of the long feud between the Montague and the Capulet families with their rivalry disrupting New York City, just as Romeo Montague and Juliet Capulet find each other.. The lovers defy the expectations of their families and chaos erupts soon afterward...

Please be advised, this production of Romeo & Juliet contains simulated violence and suggestive language which may not be appropriate for young children

**Performances:**  
August 24 & 25 at 8 p.m.  
August 26 at 2 p.m.  
August 31st at 8 p.m.  
September 1 at 8 p.m.



**Tickets:**  
\$5 children under age 10  
\$10 Seniors (ages 62+) Military, Student  
\$12 Adults

## FORT DUPONT PRESENTS *FORTIFY MUSIC FEST*

**Fortify Music Fest** is coming to Delaware City on September 29th!  
Hosted by Fort DuPont Redevelopment & Preservation Corporation  
on the gorgeous grounds of Fort DuPont

From The Police to David Bowie to Led Zeppelin, Fortify Music Fest is merging music you already love with the new best local talent.



### Scheduled to appear:

June Divided (With a Special Tribute To The Police),  
Soraia (With a Special Tribute To David Bowie and Joan Jett)  
Spokey Speaky (Bob Marley Tribute)  
Nappy Ridden  
Steal your Peach (Grateful Dead/Allman Brothers tribute)  
Montana Wildaxe  
Joey DiTullio  
Kashmir (Led Zeppelin Tribute)

Don't miss the food truck gallery and awesome Beer Garden featuring Delaware craft beers including the brand new Fortify IPA!

Early bird tickets are on sale now for a discounted price of \$35 for a limited time.  
Visit [FortifyFest.com](http://FortifyFest.com) for tickets or more information including the schedule of the day.

## BICYCLE SAFETY



Delaware City Police Department encourages all children to wear an approved safety helmet while riding bicycles



## TOWN CURFEW ORDINANCE

The Curfew Ordinance in City of Delaware City's Code prohibits any minor under the age of 18 to be permitted in the City limits without a parent after 10:00 p.m.

## PLANNING COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All residents requesting a subdivision, rezoning, or variance must submit two (2) sets of drawings to Town Hall and the City Manager must review them prior to being placed on a scheduled Planning Commission (PC) meeting agenda.

- The first set of measured drawings must show the property and building(s) as it currently exists
  - The second set of measured drawings must depict the proposed changes to the property and building(s) and what the property will look like after the changes occur
- Drawings do not need to be to scale for initial consideration.

What's  
the  
plan?

The requirement will give the Planning Commission enough time to review your plans prior to the meeting and help expedite their decision.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Property owners wishing to make alterations or new construction in the Historic District must submit an application with the following items to the HPC:

- Measured Drawings.
- Photographs.
- List and Samples of Materials.



The required information must be delivered to Town Hall and reviewed by the City Manager before the project can be placed on the HPC monthly meeting agenda. The HPC generally meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Watch for meeting notices posted in the Post Office, Library, Sunset Market and the Valero Station as well as on Delaware City's website: [www.delawarecity.delaware.gov](http://www.delawarecity.delaware.gov) for meeting and/or changes.

For complete information of the requirements please check the website [www.delawarecity.delaware.gov](http://www.delawarecity.delaware.gov) or come by Town Hall.

## SUMMERTIME SAFETY

Your dog may love going with you in the car but summer is not the time to take him along even on short rides. Your car acts like a greenhouse, trapping the sun's heat and making it much hotter inside the vehicle than outside. It only takes minutes for the interior to reach dangerous temperatures. Example if it's 75 outside within 10 minutes the interior can reach 100. If it's 85 outside within 30 minutes the interior can reach 120. If it's 100 outside within 15 minutes the interior can reach 140. Fido will be much happier to welcome you home than ride along!!



Please don't take me  
with you!!

Have a safe and fun summer.



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## **STREET SWEEPING SCHEDULE**



### **TOWNWIDE STREET SWEEPING**

In accordance with our Stormwater Pollution Prevention & Management Plan, the City will be doing our semi-annual street sweeping of the whole City. The street sweeping will occur on **Tues & Wed, July 18th & 19th**. The schedule is as follows:

**TUESDAY, JULY 18th** the following streets will be swept: All streets that run North and South- Streets North of Fifth Street - **Second, Third, Fourth, Front, Williams, Canal, Solomon and Henry Streets**. Streets South of Fifth Street -in Harbor Estates **Seventh, Nowland, Cleaver, Warfel (Horse Shoe), and Clark**.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 19th** the following streets will be swept: All streets that run East and West- **Canal, Franklin, Bayard, Hamilton, Clinton, Washington, Adams, Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe**. South of Fifth Street-**Hamilton Place, Clinton, Reybold, Warfel, and Clark**.

We are asking that everyone remove their cars from the respective streets on the day that it will be swept so the sweeper can easily pass down the curb. By sweeping the streets twice a year, it will help to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the storm sewer system and protect the water quality of nearby streams, rivers, wetlands and bays. Thank you for your cooperation.