



# CITY NEWS

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Delaware City Town Hall  
407 Clinton Street  
(302) 834-4573

Mayor :  
Stanley E. Green

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

Interim City Manager:  
Dave Baylor  
Chief of Police:  
David Baylor

**Delaware City  
Directory**

**Police Department  
(302) 836-6344**

**Delaware City Fire Hall  
(302) 834-9336**

**Post Office  
(302) 834-4716**

**Library  
(302) 834-4148**

**Fire Hall Rental  
(302) 392-1783**

**Park Building Rental  
(302) 834-0662**

January 2019

## NOTICE

### YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REDUCTION ON YOUR CITY PROPERTY TAX AND WATER RATES

*With certain household income limitations, you may be eligible for a reduction on your city property tax and water rates during fiscal year 2020. (Beginning July 1, 2019, through June 30, 2020)*

The household income, excluding Social Security and disability pension, is limited to:

Single Applicant:	\$20,000
Married Applicants:	\$25,000 (combined income)
Household:	\$25,000 (total household income)

*You may be eligible* if you were 65 years of age or a disabled resident on SSI and have owned your current residence for one (1) year, by December 31, 2018, and your income does not exceed the limits above.

1. You must submit the following documents with your application: Copy of Federal Tax Form (1040) for 2018. *If you do not file a Federal Tax Form, you must submit: a copy of 2018 Social Security Benefit Statements, a copy of 2018 interest statements, and a copy of 2018 pension statements if applicable.*
2. Proof of income for all household residents over 18 years old
3. *Certificate of Insurance Award if disabled*
4. Proof of age and address (Matching items 1-3 above) shall be presented. These include Picture ID, License, or Birth Certificate for homeowner applying for discount.

Applications for Exemptions are available at Town Hall. If you need assistance filling out the application please feel free to stop by Town Hall, and we will be glad to assist you. Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30AM to 5:30PM and Friday from 8:30AM to 12:30PM.

**PLEASE NOTE:** This application form and the required documents must be submitted every year to demonstrate continued eligibility.

**Deadline for Filing: April 15, 2019**

**Posted: January 5, 2019 Town Hall, Post Office, Sunset Market, Delaware City Valero, and Library**

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## ELECTION 2019

**A MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY  
250 FIFTH STREET,  
IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM  
ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019  
BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 NOON AND 8:00 P.M.  
TO ELECT A MAYOR AND TWO (2) COUNCILMEMBERS  
FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS EACH.**

**THE LAST DATE FOR FILING AS A CANDIDATE FOR MAYOR IS  
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2019 BY 4:30 PM.**

**THE LAST DATE FOR FILING AS A COUNCILMEMBER  
IS MONDAY, MARCH 4, 2019, BY 4:30 PM.**

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE POSTING FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL.

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE POSTING FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE IN THE CITY ELECTION. STATE REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTION 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE APRIL 2, 2019 ELECTION IS NECESSARY. YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE AT TOWN HALL, 407 CLINTON STREET OR AT [Ivote.de.gov](http://Ivote.de.gov).

**THE LAST DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL AS A CANDIDATE IS  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2019, BY 4:30 PM.**

### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

AFFIDAVITS TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019.  
ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019.

**LAST DATE TO REQUEST AFFIDAVIT TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS  
IS THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 2019 BY 4:30 PM.**

LAST DATE TO RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 2019 BY 8:00PM. IF RETURNING ON APRIL 2, 2019, YOU MUST DROP IT OFF AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE LIBRARY, 250 FIFTH STREET.

ANYONE WISHING TO REVIEW THE CITY CHARTER OR ORDINANCES REGARDING THE ABOVE MAY DO SO AT THE CITY HALL DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS OR ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE:  
[www.delawarecity.delaware.gov](http://www.delawarecity.delaware.gov)

## ELECTION INFORMATION

### QUALIFICATIONS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILPERSON

Any qualified voter of the City of Delaware City

1. Who is a qualified voter at least eighteen (18) years of age.
2. The "qualified voter" as used herein shall mean a person who is a registered voter with State of Delaware at the time that his/her nominating petition is filed.
3. Who is a United States Citizen.
4. Who has not been convicted of a felony as that crime is designated by the State of Delaware.
5. Who has established one (1) year residency in the City at the time their nominating petition is filed by furnishing identification and proof of residency.




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### VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Every person:

1. Who maintains their permanent place of residence within the City limits of Delaware City.
2. Who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years.
3. Who is a citizen of the United States.
4. Who is registered to vote under the State of Delaware's voter registration system maintained by the Department of Elections 30 days prior to the date of the Election.
5. Who can prove the foregoing information by proper identification.



You can register to vote at [vote.de.gov](http://vote.de.gov) and follow the instructions to register to vote.

If you do not have a computer, you can come to Town Hall, 407 Clinton Street, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.) and we will help you register.

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## TOWN HALL'S NEW HOURS

Beginning Monday, January 7, 2019 Delaware City Town Hall's hours will be  
**8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

Town Hall will be **CLOSED** on the following upcoming dates in observance of holidays:

- Monday, January 21 Martin Luther King Day
- Monday, February 18 Presidents' Day

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## OUR BEST WISHES...

On December 19th we sent our City Manager Carol Houck off with our best wishes as she becomes the City Manager of Ocean View, DE. We are grateful for her tenure with us, her insight and expertise in City Management contributed to moving Delaware City forward in a positive and progressive manner.



While the search is in the process for Carol's replacement, the position of interim City Manager is being capably handled by Police Chief David Baylor.

## INTRODUCING NEW STAFF MEMBERS

Damon Cinaglia joined us late this fall as Code Enforcement Officer. He is looking forward to working with the residents of Delaware City to ensure everyone has safe and well maintained properties. Stop and say hello when you see him out and about.



Britney Loveland joined the staff in December as Customer Service Representative. Britney will be available to assist you Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Many of you may already know Britney as she is a life long resident of Delaware City.



We welcome both Damon and Britney and look forward to working with them.

## CODE RED 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.

## HOW TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON...

There are several avenues for keeping informed of what is happening in our city.

- The bi-monthly City News
- The website: [www.delawarecity.delaware.gov](http://www.delawarecity.delaware.gov)
- Facebook: "City of Delaware City"
- Posting of all meetings and notices at the Post Office, Sunset Market, Valero Station, Library and Town Hall
- Code-Red Notification System

The following are reminders to all residents of various issues that are defined in the City of Delaware City's Code. The City Code can be viewed online at [www.delawarecity.delaware.gov](http://www.delawarecity.delaware.gov)

## SIDEWALK CODE

In accordance with City Code, Section 8-6 all residents (owners and tenants) are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks, immediately abutting their property in a safe and clean condition, free of litter, debris, excessive vegetation and in good order and repair.

## 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 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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## 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. To find out if your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area and the base flood elevation of your property or to find more information for flood protection please call Town Hall at 302-834-4573.

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.

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. Most repairs will need a permit. You can visit our website [www.delawarecity.delaware.gov](http://www.delawarecity.delaware.gov) for more information.

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## DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY



### SAFETY REMINDERS

Please make sure house/business numbers are visible from the street so first responders are able to see them. House numbers should be at least 4-inches high and business numbers should be at least 6-inches high.

If you are using an alternative heating device (i.e. space heaters, etc.) be careful of where they are placed. DO NOT place near anything that can catch fire (i.e. blankets, curtains, etc.). If using a propane heater, please be sure the propane is stored properly.

## CALENDAR OF TOWN EVENTS for JANUARY & FEBRUARY

### DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY



**DINE & DONATE**—Wednesday, January 23rd at the Texas Roadhouse in Bear from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m.  
A flyer must be presented. Stop by the Firehouse to pickup one.

**MICHAEL KORS & COACH BINGO**—Sunday, February 10th at the Delaware City Firehouse.  
\$25 for 20 games. Doors open at noon. Games begin at 1 p.m.

### EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

**ANNUAL SOUP SALE**—Saturday February 9th at the Church, 306 Clinton Street  
and in front of the Post Office 9 a.m. to Noon  
Soups on Sale are: Chicken Noodle, Bean and Vegetable

**4th ANNUAL CANCER WALK** in Memory of Ivy—Saturday, April 13th  
Registration at 9 a.m., walk begins at 9:30 a.m.

### CHRIST EPISOPAL CHURCH

**ANNUAL PANCAKE SUPPER on Shrove Tuesday, March 5th**  
from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

A hearty menu of pancakes, sausage, scrapple, creamed chipped beef, fruit cup and assorted beverages will be served.

Please join us to enjoy delicious food in a warm and community orientated environment.  
Donations will be enthusiastically accepted!!



We invite you to worship with us in preparation for Lent with the ancient religious tradition of marking one's forehead with the sign of the cross. The Church will hold its

**Ash Wednesday Service on March 6th at 7 p.m.**

Traditional ashes will be administered. The distribution of ashes will also be observed

**Wednesday, March 6th from 3:30 p.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting in front of Sunset Market.**

Pastor Arlene Favreau, Pysher of Christ Church and Rector Sarah Nelson of St. James, Newport will officiate.

**Regular Church Services are held every Sunday at 10:15 a.m. Sunday School is available.**  
**Church is located on the corner of Third & Clinton Streets**

### PET FOOD DRIVE

On Sunday, December 2nd the Delaware City Lions Club partnered with the Delaware City Fire Company to hold a Pet Food Drive benefitting the Brandywine Valley SPCA in New Castle. The drive was held in front of the Delaware City Fire Company. This event was advertised locally and on social media prior to being held. Over two hundred pounds of food and other pet supplies were collected. Representatives of both organizations delivered the supplies later that afternoon to the very appreciative SPCA.



## DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY EVENTS FOR JANUARY & FEBRUARY

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 p.m.

**Reading Braille-** Find out how a series of raised dots makes reading possible for those who are visually-impaired. Discover how to read it yourself and make braille word art. Ages 6-12. Registration Requested.

January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2-3 p.m.

**Dark and Dreary: Celebrating Edgar Allan Poe-** Celebrate Edgar Allan Poe's 210th birthday with dramatic readings of his most popular poems and short stories by the Reedy Point Players. All Ages. Registration Requested.

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:30 p.m.

**Art in the Library: Symbolism Painting-** Learn a new art form at this monthly recurring art program for adults. January's theme is "Symbolism painting." Create an acrylic painting in the Symbolist style. Adults. Registration required.

January 15<sup>th</sup>, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

**Pub Trivia-** Join us at Crabby Dick's Fort Delaware for our monthly pub trivia event. Call the library for this month's theme. Adults 21+.

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 p.m.

**Author Event: Kevin Barnett-** Kevin Barnett, author of *Living My Shadows*, hosts this program on surviving the foster care system. Listen to his story of adversity and success. He offers advice for adoptees to find their birth parents. All ages.

February 11<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 p.m.

**Black History Month: African Dance Performance-** Celebrate Black History Month with a performance from African dance troupe Sankofa African Dance Company. All ages.

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 4-5 p.m.

**International Polar Bear Day-** Learn some interesting facts about these beautiful creatures as you assemble a 3D puzzle, arrange geometric shapes to form a polar bear, and meet a life-sized inflatable polar bear named Piper. You will also make a polar bear mask and an arctic food chain mobile to take home with you. Presented by the DASEF.

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

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## DELAWARE CITY SENIOR CENTER

Put your best foot forward in 2019 and join the Delaware City Senior Center Games, Puzzling, Bingo, Coffee and Snacks 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays At the Delaware City Library



Look forward to seeing you!!

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## DELAWARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Since Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, the Delaware City Police has investigated several reports of thefts from vehicles. In all of the incidents, the vehicles were left unlocked and money was stolen.

**The Delaware City Police Department would like to remind all residents to lock their vehicles when not in use. Also, please do not leave any valuables (purses, cell phones, laptop computer and other items of value) inside your vehicle.**

In addition, we would ask everyone to report any suspicious activity immediately. **You can contact the non-emergency dispatch number at (302) 573-2800.**



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**MARK YOUR CALENDERS**

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE  
 Saturday, April 27th  
 &  
 Sunday, April 28th  
 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**BOXHOLDER**  
**DELAWARE CITY, DE**  
**19706**

**7th ANNUAL MAYORS' CHARITY BALL**



JOIN US FOR AN ELEGANT EVENING  
 OF FINE FOOD,  
 INTOXICATING LIBATIONS  
 AND LIVE MUSIC  
 IN HISTORIC DELAWARE CITY  
 FEBRUARY 23, 2019

8:00 PM TO MIDNIGHT  
 IN THE BALLROOM OF THE DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY.

THIS BLACK TIE CHARITY EVENT IS TO RAISE FUNDS  
 FOR STREETSCAPE PROJECTS IN HISTORIC DELAWARE CITY

FOR TICKETS: \$100.00 PER PERSON  
 CONTACT: [WWW.DELAWAREMAYORSBALL.COM](http://WWW.DELAWAREMAYORSBALL.COM)