

**CITY NEWS** 

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JULY 2019

Congratulations to Paul H. Johnson, Sr.

who will be sworn in as

Mayor of Delaware City at the July 15, 2019 Mayor & Council meeting.

**ELECTION RESULTS** Paul H. Johnson, Sr ran unopposed in a Special Election that was scheduled for August 20, 2019 and was cancelled. He is replacing retired Mayor

Dear Delaware City Residents and Business Owners,

CITY MANAGER'S MESSAGE

It is my honor and privilege to serve as the new City Manager of Delaware City. I'm grateful for the opportunity to work in such a beautiful, historic community. I look forward to working together with residents, business owners, the Mayor and Council, and city staff to ensure a bright future for Delaware City.

Background & Experience:

I joined the Air Force at 17 years old and served as an Aircraft Hydraulic Mechanic and Flight Engineer for 8 years at Dover Air Force

Base. I received my Bachelor's Degree in Public Policy and Public Health, and my Masters in Public Administration from the University of Delaware. I've done a little bit of everything from working in D.C. for Governor Carney's office to being a Legislative Fellow with the Delaware House Minority Caucus. My true passion is local government. My experience working with local governments at the Institute for Public Administration is what inspired me to choose a career in City Management. I find working at the local level to be the most rewarding because it's where you can make the most impact.

> My favorite part of this job is getting to know the people in the community. I hope you will join me for



Again, thank you for this opportunity. My door is always open.

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Acting Mayor: Robert Malinowski

Council Members: **Beth Konkus** Chase Renoll John Buchheit Megan Titus

City Manager: Danielle Metcalfe 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









#### 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 30th & 31st. The schedule is as follows:

TUESDAY, JULY 30th 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 31st 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.

#### CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Episcopal Church is pleased to announce that it will be open for Church tours on Delaware City Day, July 20th from 12:00 to 5:00 P.M. The Church is located at the corner of 3rd and Clinton Street.

-Did you know that we are one of a very few churches in the U.S. that was modeled after the floating Church of the Redeemer for Seamen and Boatman in Philadelphia.-

Come and see our lovely sanctuary and learn a little bit of Church and Delaware City history, we welcome you!

Copperfield Kettle Corn will be selling its famous popcorn on the Church grounds!

In addition, the church will have a booth in the park where members will provide information about many of its activites and outreach projects. Prayer request forms will be available and a prayer team will offer prayer if desired.

#### EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Church will be grilling hot dogs and will have cold water and sodas available during the morning hours on Delaware City Day. Donations to the church will be accepted. The Church is located at 306 Clinton Street.



# **MEETINGS**

#### Mayor & Council:

Monday, July 15th at 6:30\* p.m. Delaware City Fire Company Monday, August 19th at 6:30\* p.m. Delaware City Fire Company Monday, September 16th at 6:30\* p.m. Delaware City Fire Company \*in the event a Public Hearing is scheduled on the agenda, Mayor & Council Meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

#### Planning Commission:

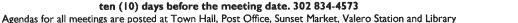
Monday, August 5th at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Sept 9th at 6:30 p.m. Monday, October 7th at 6:30 p.m. Council Chambers, Delaware City Town Hall

#### **Historic Preservation Commission:**

Tuesday, August 6th at 7 p.m. Tuesday September 3rd at 7 p.m. Tuesday October 1st at 7 p.m. Council Chambers, Delaware City Town Hall

If you wish to be on the Planning Commission's or Historic Preservation Commission's agenda, please contact Town Hall at least

ten (10) days before the meeting date. 302 834-4573





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# DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

7/29/19 - Fundraiser at Crabby Dick's - 11AM - 10PM;
 Singer/Songwriter Katelyn Christine will be performing from 6PM - 8PM (flyer's can be picked up at the firehouse)



10/13/19 - Coach Bingo - \$25 for 20 games. Doors open at noon; play begins at IPM.

#### SAFETY REMINDERS FROM YOUR FIRE COMPANY

- Beware of a current fundraising scam taking place. Residents are getting calls from 302.830.3073 stating that they are taking donations on behalf of the Delaware Fire Service. This is not verified so please don't make a donation.
- Make sure you have working smoke detectors. If you need a smoke detector contact Delaware City Fire Company and we will bring one and install it if needed.
- Ensure that your address to your house, apartment, business, etc. is marked plain and above the door, on the
  mailbox, at the street (i.e. White background black letters) Numbers should be at least 6" for residential and 8"-10"
  for businesses. This helps First Responders find your address quickly.

# FORT DUPONT PRESENTS FORTIFY MUSIC FEST



SUMMER just got a lot better with the music of LITTLE FEAT!!!

Fort DuPont to host Fortify Music Fest on August 10th

If you like the music of Little Feat, Steely Dan and sounds of Southern Rock, then you are going to love the 2019 Fortify Music Fest!! Little Feat, on their national tour celebrating their 50th Anniversary, sometimes breaks away to play at smaller venues, have fun and jam. They will be coming to Fort DuPont located in Delaware City on Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>!

The music starts at 1pm and runs until 9pm. The 2019 Fortify Music Fest will feature two of the best up and coming local artists, The Susquehanna Floods and Lovebettie. There will be some great southern rock classics provided by High Noon and in the late afternoon you can enjoy the extraordinary and iconic sounds of Steely Dan, played by Countdown to Ecstasy. The legendary music of Little Feat performed by Funky Feat will close out the Fortify Music Fest.

All of this great music for only \$35 plus children under the age of 12 are free. Gates open at 12 noon and in addition to music, Fortify fans will enjoy a variety of culinary offerings from multiple food trucks, and the Fortify Beer Garden will feature great local craft beers from the Yards Brewery, Big Oyster, Blue Earl along with other great beers and beverages.

The concert is held at Fort DuPont, a wonderful waterfront venue on the Delaware River. With over 18 acres of free parking, it's just a few tree-lined steps to the Fortify Music Fest concert site surrounded by walking/hiking trails, parkland, a boat ramp and near the entrance to the Mike Castle Trail along the C&D Canal.

For more information or to purchase tickets go to: www.fortifyfest.com.

#### SUMMER VOLUNTEER PROJECTS



The Catholic Heart Youth Work Camp came to Delaware City the last week in June and did volunteer projects for some of our residents!

What a great group of kids they were!



# DELAWARE CITY SENIOR CENTER

# BE COOL!!!!!

Join the senior center at the library!
14 years and counting!
Beverages, snacks, socializing, cards, games
Bingo on Tuesday!
Monday and Tuesday | 10am-1pm



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# DELAWARE CITY DAY CELEBRATION FAMILY FUN - FOOD - FIREWORKS BY THE RIVERSIDE

# **DELAWARE CITY DAY 2019**

#### MARK YOUR CALANDARS - MAKE YOUR PLANS!



# **DELAWARE CITY DAY 2019**

SATURDAY, JULY 20TH

THE DAY WILL KICK OFF WITH OUR TRADITIONAL HOMETOWN PARADE at 11 AM Following the parade Battery Park will host the Children's Events, Food and Craft vendors for your enjoyment from Noon until 5 p.m.

Fire Works are expected to begin at 9:00 P.M.

# **DELAWARE CITY DAY FIREWORKS**

The Delaware City Day Fireworks have a <u>NEW DATE!!</u>
Please plan to join us on Sunday, July 21st, 2019



#### **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!**



### MESSAGE FROM THE DELAWARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

As you are aware, Delaware City Day will be held on two days this year. The Delaware City Parade will kick off the two day event. The parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 20<sup>th</sup>. The parade will start on the grounds at Ft. DuPont, travel north on Fifth Street (SR 9), make a right turn on Clinton Street and proceed to Downtown where it will end at the circle at Memorial Park.

Following the parade, there will be events held in Battery Park until 5:00 p.m. On Sunday, the two day event will end with the traditional Delaware City Day Fireworks.

The fireworks will begin shortly after dusk (around 9:00 p.m.).

# \*\*\*Parking restrictions will be in effect for both days. Please read the parking restrictions below for each day.\*\*\* Saturday, July 20, 2019

Beginning at 7:00 a.m., there will be no parking on Clinton Street between Fifth Street (SR 9), to the circle at Memorial Park, for the Delaware City Day Parade. Following the parade, the only parking restrictions that will remain in effect will be on Clinton Street in the business district (Front Street to Harbor Street) until 6:00 p.m.





Beginning at 5:00 p.m., there will be no parking on Clinton Street between Second Street to Harbor Street, and on Washington Street between Front Street to Harbor Street.

Both Streets will be restricted to pedestrian traffic only.

\*\*\*Violators will be ticketed and are subject to be towed at the owners expense. \*\*\*



#### LIONS CLUB

The Delaware City Lions Club will have a canopy in front of the post office. They will be selling Car Raffle Tickets \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00

There will also be applications for new Memberships!

They will also be accepting used prescription eye glasses for recycling!



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# DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY EVENTS FOR MAY & JUNE





Delaware City Events for July and August 2019

Art in the Library- Learn a new art form at this monthly recurring art program for adults. Call 302-834-4148 for this month's theme. July 28<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 1-2:30 p.m. Adults. Registration required.

**Pub Trivia-** Join us at Crabby Dick's Fort Delaware for our monthly pub trivia event. Call 302-834-4148 for this month's theme. July 23<sup>rd</sup>, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Adults 21+.

**Teen Foodcrafters**- Learn the basics of cooking by creating simple but delicious food at this monthly teen food program. July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 6-7 p.m. Teens.

**Seniors Game Day**- Elder adults are invited to this monthly game day held at the library. July 9<sup>th</sup>, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 12-1 p.m.

**Safe Riding with Newark Bike Project**- Do you know the difference between a mountain bike and a comfort bike? What bike is best for a rider with back problems? What is the best bike height for you? Professionals from Newark Bike Project, a nonprofit organization devoted to bicycling, answers all these questions and more at this informative session! July 14<sup>th</sup>, 12-1:30 p.m. All ages.



**DASEF Presents: Footsteps on the Moon.** Celebrate the monumental success of the mission of Apollo 11 that placed humans on the surface of the Moon. Children revisit that journey and begin dreaming about their own part in the future of space exploration! July 17<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 p.m. All ages.

**DC Readers:** *Ice Cream Social*- Join a reading group with thought provoking reads and jovial banter! This month we're hosting a special ice cream social. Stop by, meet the current book club members, and enjoy ice cream! July 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:45-8 p.m. Adults.

**The Wizard of Oz Puppet Show-** Beautifully hand-carved marionette puppets set against colorful, hand-painted scenes to bring the classic heart-warming tale of "The Wizard of Oz" to life on a magnificently fanciful stage. Presented by Steve's Puppets. July 31<sup>st</sup>, 4-5 p.m. All ages.

New Moon Theater Presents: Minwa, Japanese Folk Tales- The New Moon Theater brings the grace and beauty of a culture half a world away. These timeless stories teach the power of kindness and doing the right thing. Stories like Peach Boy are performed with puppets, stylized movement, song and audience participation. August 8<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 PM. All Ages.

**Summer Reading Wrap-up with Sciencetellers**- Wrap up the Summer Reading program with the Sciencetellers. Watch the Sciencetellers perform "Aliens: Escape from Earth" and be entertained as you learn science through experiments and demonstrations. August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2-3 p.m. All ages.

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

# DRAGON RUN COMMUNITY PARK

Dragon Run Community Park Commission will sponsor its fun filled annual



# WATER PARTY

Saturday August 24, 1:00 - 4:00





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# BOXHOLDER DELAWARE CITY, DE 19706

#### MOST HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE DOES NOT COVER FLOOD DAMAGE

Floods are the #1 natural disaster in the US. Floods usually strike without warning. They occur in all 50 states. Millions of buildings have been damaged over the last several years. People have lost their homes and belongings, and they never saw it coming. Are you insured against such a hazard?

Your homeowners insurance covers many hazards. Flooding typically is not one of them. Many people believe federal disaster assistance will cover them. Not Always! The President must first declare the flood a federal disaster; any assistance you receive is usually a loan that has to be repaid with interest. That is why you need flood insurance. The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was created by Congress in response to the rising cost of disaster relief for flood victims, and for more than 40 years it has provided protection for millions of families. About 100 private insurance companies nationally offer flood insurance backed by the federal government. Policies are available to homeowners, condo owners, apartment owners, renters and business owners. Typically, there is a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase before your policy goes into effect. Contact your insurance agent or insurance company for more information.

#### STORMWATER

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.