

# CITY NEWS

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

Mayor:  
Paul H. Johnson, Sr

Council Members:  
Robert Malinowski  
Beth Konkus  
Chase Renoll  
John Buchheit  
Megan Titus

City Manager:  
David 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

Nov 2019



## Congratulations to Delaware City's new City Manager!

### David Baylor

was sworn in as the City Manager of Delaware City at the September Mayor & Council Meeting!



The Annual Trunk or Treat Event took place on October 30th with a record turn out!



The Mayor and Council along with the City Staff and Police Department would like to wish our residents the Merriest of Holidays and a very Happy New Year!

### Town Hall Holiday Hours

Closed for Thanksgiving on November 28th & 29th.  
Closed for Christmas on December 25th .  
Closed for New Years on December 31st & January 1st.



The yard waste program of Delaware City includes the recycling of Christmas trees. Please place your tree near your trash cart on a trash pick-up day. Please have all objects, **including tinsel**, removed from the tree.

## **BUSINESS LICENSE APPLICATIONS**

Delaware City **Business License Applications and Fees are due by December 23rd.** Any business failing to return all required documentation and payment by the due date shall be subject to a fine of \$100 per day.

Delaware City Code Section 51-14 Violations and Penalties: Whoever shall violate any provisions of this article shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 each day that a business, occupation or activity is carried on, prosecuted, conducted or engaged in without a proper license having been obtained pursuant to this article or any other applicable law shall be deemed to be a separate offense.

## **ST. PAULS CATHOLIC CHURCH**

St. Vincent de Paul Society, a charity of St. Paul Catholic Church, Delaware City is here to help all our neighbors, who are seeking help and aid. This is simply neighbors helping neighbors. Just call the church at 834-4321 leaving a message with the secretary on Monday and Wednesday or leave a message anytime or any day on the answering machine. Someone will call you back to assist you and everything is strictly confidential.



## **FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

All Are Welcome to Join Us!

### November News

Sunday, Nov. 17, 10:00 a.m. Worship  
Led by Rev. Grace Howard

Sunday, Nov. 24, 10:00 a.m. Worship  
Led by Rev. Carl Mazza

Delaware City Annual Ecumenical Thanksgiving "Eve" Service  
Tuesday, Nov. 26, 7:00 p.m.  
Hosted by and Held at the First Presbyterian Church of Delaware City  
Led by Rev. Arlene Favreau-Pyshner, Pastor of Christ Episcopal Church

### December News

Sunday, Dec 1, 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship  
Led by Rev. Carl Mazza

Sunday, Dec. 8, 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship  
Led by Rev. Elisa Diller

Sunday, Dec. 15, 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship  
Led by Rev. Grace Howard

Sunday, Dec. 22, 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship  
Led by Rev. Grace Howard

Tuesday, Dec. 24, 8:00 p.m., Christmas Eve Candlelight  
Service Led by Rev. Grace Howard

Sunday, Dec. 29, 10:00 a.m., Morning Worship  
Led by Rev. Carl Mazza

## **MEETINGS**

### **Mayor & Council:**

Monday, November 18th at 6:30\* p.m.  
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, December 16th at 6:30\* p.m.  
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, January 27th at 6:30\* p.m.  
Delaware City Fire Company

### **Planning Commission:**

Monday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Delaware City  
Town Hall

### **Historic Preservation Commission:**

Tuesday, December 3rd at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 7th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 4th at 7 p.m.

Council Chambers, Delaware City  
Town Hall

*\*in the event a Public Hearing is scheduled on  
the agenda, Mayor & Council Meeting will  
begin at 6 p.m.*



**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**

Agendas for all meetings are posted at Town Hall, Post Office, Sunset Market, Valero Station and Library & [www.delawarecity.delaware.gov](http://www.delawarecity.delaware.gov)

## DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY EVENTS



### **Tuesday November 19th—All Day!**

Dine out Fundraiser at Chili's - Flyer needs to be presented and can be picked up at the fire house!

### **SAFETY REMINDERS FROM YOUR FIRE COMPANY!**

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.




### **Delaware City Events for November and December 2019**

The Delaware City Library is looking to build our base of Substitute Library Aides! Our subs work on an as-needed basis, performing standard circulation tasks (including check-in/check-out of library materials, shelving, and assisting patrons) and/or help with special projects! Availability for evening hours and weekends is preferred, but all are welcome to apply. For more information, visit <https://delawarecity.lib.de.us/subs>.



**Pub Trivia** – A monthly trivia night held at Crabby Dicks Fort Delaware. Contact the library for this month's theme. November 19<sup>th</sup>, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Adults 21+.


**Art in the Library**- Learn a new art medium each month at this recurring art program for adults. Contact the library for this month's theme. November 10<sup>th</sup>, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 2:30 PM. Adults. Registration required.

**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. Held on the first and third Saturday's of the month, 1-2 PM. All ages welcome. 



**Teen Food crafters**- Teens learn the basics of cooking by creating simple but delicious food. Contact the library for this month's theme. November 21<sup>st</sup>, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 6-7 PM. Ages 12-17.


**Intro to Swing Dancing**- Have you always wanted to learn a new form of dance? 2 professional dance instructors from Take the Lead Dance Studio teach you the basics of swing. November 17<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-1:30 PM. Adults. Registration Requested.

**Independent Art Hour for PAGES**- Join us for an open-ended art hour for our literary publication, PAGES. We'll have plenty of art supplies and snacks to get your creativity flowing. November 18<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 PM. Ages 4-11. 



**Autumn Fabric Pumpkin Craft**- Donna Moller of Donna Moller Designs joins us for a fun seasonal sewing craft! Create seasonal fabric pumpkins at this beginner level sewing class. Sewing machines and all supplies are provided. November 28<sup>th</sup>, 12:30-2:30 PM. Registration Required.

**Holiday House Bank Painting**- Paint a small bank shaped like a house in a whimsical holiday style. Perfect for gifting! November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2-3 PM. Ages 6+. Registration Required.

**Medicare Health Insurance Basics**- The University of Delaware Cooperative Extension leads this session on Medicare and supplemental plans. You'll receive information to make smart choices about these health insurance options. 


December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:30-2 PM. Adults.



**Krampus Escape Room**- Solve a series of puzzles to escape the Norse mythological creature, Krampus. Enjoy holiday themed treats after escaping the room. December 9<sup>th</sup>, 6- 7:30 PM. Adults. Registration Required.

**Winter Wonderland Magic Show**- Join Magician Steve Woyce in a fun-filled winter themed magic show! December 12<sup>th</sup>, 5-6 PM.

**Winter Mandolin Performance**- Enjoy a performance by musician Stephen Kleiman, who plays winter holiday-themed music on the mandolin. December 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:30-6:30 PM. All Ages.

**Free Gift Wrapping at the Library**- Dragon Run Park has partnered with the library to offer free giftwrapping for the holidays. Drop gifts off at the library on December 15<sup>th</sup> between 12-3 PM, and pick them up wrapped on December 16<sup>th</sup> between 5-8 PM. Just in time for Christmas and Chanukah! 

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

## CHRISTMAS EVENTS IN DELAWARE CITY

Small Business Saturday

Saturday, November 30, 2019 - Shop Local !

Delaware City's Christmas Tree Lighting and Photos with Santa

Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup> 6 PM, Battery Park

Delaware City's Festival of Lights Parade

Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM, Clinton Street

Reedy Point Players Presents A Christmas Carol

December 20, 21 and 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019 Curtain Times Vary, Community Center



### DRAGON RUN COMMUNITY PARK

Dragon Run Community Park will sponsor its annual

**Christmas lunch with Santa on**

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 12 - 3.

District kids age 12 and under are welcome to attend.



### DELAWARE CITY COMMUNITY CENTER

Learn the basics of breathing and poses.

Bring your body, mind and spirit into harmony and ease your tensions.

Bring a mat, towel and water.— Class cost is a \$6.00 Drop-in fee.

9am -10am

Classes will be held in the Delaware City Community Center.



### DELAWARE CITY SENIOR CENTER

**JOIN US AT THE DELAWARE CITY SENIOR CENTER!  
LOCATED AT THE DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY**

**EVERY MONDAY & TUESDAY**

**10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.**

**GAMES, PUZZLES, COFFEE & CONVERSATION**

**BINGO ON TUESDAY'S!**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!**







# Recycling Schedule 2020

THE BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING PICK-UP WILL CONTINUE TO BE PICKED UP ON MONDAYS. THE SCHEDULE FOR 2020 IS AS FOLLOWS:

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>6, 20</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>3, 17</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>2, 16, 30</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>13, 27</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>11, 26 (26<sup>th</sup> is a Tuesday due to Memorial Day)</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>8, 22</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>6, 20</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>3, 17, 31</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>14, 28</b>
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>12, 26</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>9, 23</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>7, 21</b>



## DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

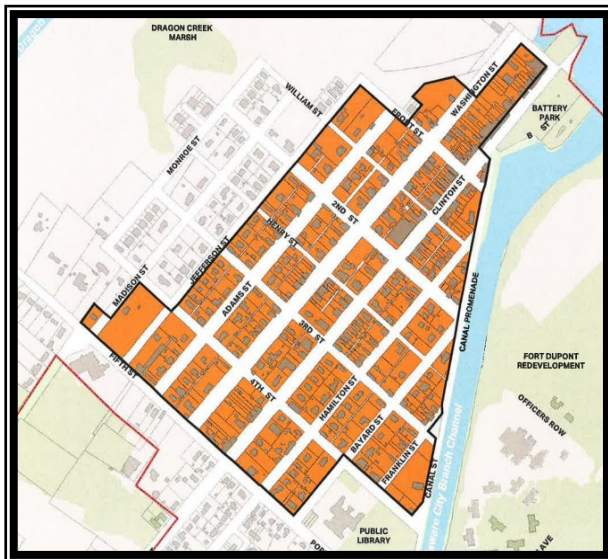


On August 19, 2019, Governor John Carney presented Delaware City with the designation of being named a Downtown Development District (DDD) City. The Plan strives to revitalize the downtown as a regional hub for ecotourism and history-based tourism. A successful DDD designation and the accompanying incentives will act as a tool to leverage private investments to help revitalize the downtown.

The Plan **1.** Encourages Homeownership and Home Rehabilitation; **2.** It Encourages diversity of Commercial Retail and Services through Infill and Redevelopment; **3.** Streamline the Plan Review and Permitting Process and Reduce Permit Fees if a property is designated by the State as a DDD. **4.** Enhance the City's Overall Appearance through physical improvements; **5.** Improve Parking Conditions; **6.** Improve Safety; Improve Sidewalks; and **7.** Promote Revitalization through Preservation and Reuse of Historic Structures.

As a means of achieving the vision of the DDD plan Delaware City has incentives to those who qualify with the State as a DDD. The incentives are: **1.** Property Tax Abatement on Rehabilitation Projects that increase the assessed value of the property by 50%. **2.** Tax Abatement for DDD for Rental Properties that will now be Owner Occupied Properties; **3.** The City's portion of the Real Estate Transfer Tax will be waived for a parcel in the DDD that is a rental property that will now be owner occupied;

**4.** Facade Improvement Revolving Loan Program will be reactivated; **5.** Permit Fees will be reduced by 2%. Building Permit Applications in the R-1, C-1L, C-2 or C-1M Zoning Districts located within the Downtown Development District (DDD), the permit fee will be the greater of \$100 or 2% of anticipated costs of the construction. A building permit application in the C-1 zoning district within the DDD, the permit fee will be the greater of \$100 or 1.5% of the anticipated costs of construction. **6.** Streamlined Plan Review and Permitting Process.



All applications come from the Delaware State Housing Authority. The State will review all applications and decide if the project is Eligible. The minimum amount for a project to be reviewed by the State is \$25,000 to \$350,000 for a small project and \$350,000 upwards for a large project. This is a rebate program so the investor will pay for the project and if they qualify as a DDD they will receive the 20% rebate.



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**Change in delivery of the City News effective January 2020**

The City News will NO LONGER be distributed to each P. O. Box.

The City News will be accessible on The Delaware City Website [www.delawarecity.delaware.gov](http://www.delawarecity.delaware.gov)

The City News will also be posted in 5 locations throughout the Town:  
 Town Hall, D.C Library, D.C Post Office, Sunset Market & The Valero Gas Station.

If you would like to obtain a paper copy you can stop by Town Hall M-F 8:30– 4:30.

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

