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THE DELAWARE CITY ELECTION
WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 7, 2020



MARK YOUR CALENDERS

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE
Saturday, April 25th
&
Sunday, April 26th
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FREE LARGE ITEM PICK UP
MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2020

CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Church will hold a healing service at 10:15, Sunday, March 29th, all are welcome!

Special Music composed by Monks in France will be featured. Known as Taize, this music is very relaxing and conducive to meditation. In the busyness and stress of everyday life, the healing service offers an opportunity to sit quietly and regroup. Anointing with oil and healing prayer will be offered. Additional healing services will be held on the 5th Sunday of those calendar months.

Christ church will also be sponsoring a Prisoners of Love Christian music concert on Sunday, May 17th at 4:00 P.M. The event will benefit troubadour Ministries, which works to find homes in the area for homeless veterans. There is no admission fee, but a free will offering will be greatly appreciated.



Solutions to Stormwater Pollution *Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water*

A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in the water.

Stormwater pollution is one of Delaware's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of Stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of Delaware's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to Stormwater pollution.

Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.

As a resident or business, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.

LIMIT YOUR USE OF FERTILIZERS & PESTICIDES

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.

If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.

PROPERLY USE & DISPOSE OF HAZARDOUS PRODUCTS

Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn & garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.

Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portion of Hazardous Products in your home or workplace. Read the label for guidance.

Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.

Recycle used motor oil.
Visit DSWA.com for locations to dispose of hazardous waste.

KEEP POLLUTION OUT OF STORM DRAINS

Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark storm drains inlets with messages to remind people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.

Do not let sewage or other waste flow into a Stormwater system.

CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET

Pet owners or their keepers must pick-up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.

Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up waste.

Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.

Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

DON'T LITTER

Place litter in trash receptacles.

Recycle, Recycle, Recycle.

Participate in Community cleanups.

DISPOSE OF YARD WASTE PROPERLY

Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.

Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.

When residents see evidence that someone has dumped chemicals or debris into the storm sewer system, here's what they can do:

-Visit <http://www.302STOPPIT.org> and fill out an online form

-Call or send a text message to (302) STOPPIT (302.786.7748) with the location and details

-Email hotline@302STOPPIT.org with the location and details

CONTACT INFORMATION

For more information on stormwater related topics, visit:

www.delawarecity.delaware.gov

www.nccde.org/223/stormwater-management

<https://deldot.gov/programs/stormwater>

www.epa.gov/npdes

DELAWARE CITY SENIOR CENTER

Spring into fun and Join the seniors
Mondays and Tuesdays
10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Delaware City Library



DELAWARE CITY PAL

Delaware City PAL is officially on Instagram!

Stay up to date with everything at the Delaware City PAL

Events
Programs
Athletic Activities
& More!



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DRAGON RUN PARK

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Dragon Run Park Commission and Delaware City Library will co-host the Easter egg hunt this year.



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, March 22, 4:00 p.m.: Community Dinner -Macaroni & Cheese and Ham Dinner Free! Please come join us!

Saturday, April 25, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.: First Presbyterian Church Yard Sale

Town Wide Yard Sale Day -Accepting gently used items. To donate items, please contact Bill Derrickson, (302) 293-7587.

Weekly Church Services, Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

3/8/2020 Carl Mazza
3/15/2020 Carl Mazza
3/22/2020 Mark Douyard
3/29/2020 Mark Douyard
4/5/2020 Palm Sunday, To Be Determined

4/12/2020 Easter Sunday, Communion, Elissa Diller
4/19/2020 Port Penn Presbyterian Church Community Service, 3:00 p.m.,
(No Morning Service held in Delaware City.)
4/26/2020 Mark Douyard
5/3/2020 Elissa Diller
5/10/2020 Mother's Day, Linda Branco

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

5TH ANNUAL CANCER WALK— SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
-REGISTER 9:00 AM -WALK TO START 9:30 AM \$25 PER PERSON / \$50 PER FAMILY

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE
HOT DOGS AND DRINKS 10:00 AM
OYSTER SANDWICHES 11:00 AM





Delaware City Events for March and April 2020

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>.

Seniors Game Day – Older adults are invited to play card and board games at this monthly program that helps sharpen social skills and mental acuity. This recurring program takes place on the second Tuesday of each month. January 14th, February 11th, 12-1 PM.



A Cross-Country Road Trip with the Marshall Steam Museum- Join Alice on her journey to become the first woman to drive an automobile across the United States in 1909. Decide what she and her friends would have needed on their trip and figure out how she overcame the many obstacles she faced. Presented by the Marshall Steam Museum. March 18th. All ages. 5-6 p.m. Registration requested.

What's It Worth? Appraisal Event- Michael Ivankovich comes to the library to talk about the value of your possessions. A professional appraiser, Ivankovich is the radio show host of WBCB 1490's "What's It Worth? Ask Mike the Appraiser." He has over 40 years of experience in the auction, antiques and collectibles business. A limited number of free appraisals will be available to attendees of this program. Maximum of 2 items per person. March 23rd, 6-7:30 PM. Adults. Registration required.

Muriel Draper and the Art of the Salon: *Embracing Caricature*- This presentation examines the illustrated correspondence between Muriel Draper, an early-twentieth century salon hostess, and her artist friend, Mark Tobey, who is best known today for inspiring Jackson Pollock's abstract expressionist style. It addresses an example of how a woman played an important role as a cultural influencer and tastemaker in the New York art world during a time when men still dominated official positions as critics, historians, and museum administrators. March 29th, 6-7 PM. Adults.

Pachinko, Tea, and Sweets- Join us for a very special book event for the 2020 New Castle County Reads selection *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Pick up a free copy of the book at the library, and discuss it at the book event held at The Cake Sisters Pastry Arts Studio! Sample a selection of Asian themed pastries. March 31st, 5:30-7 PM. Adults. Registration requested.



Easter Celebration- Delaware City Library partners with Dragon Run Park to bring you an Easter celebration. The event will start with an Easter egg hunt with sections for different age groups up to 12 years. Afterwards enjoy lunch and meet the Easter bunny. April 4th, Ages 0-12. 1-3 p.m. Registration requested.

Energy Conservation Workshop with Energize Delaware- Energize Delaware, a company that assists Delaware residents become more energy efficient, hosts this workshop on energy conservation for your home. Learn about energy-related programs for repairs, rebates and utility assistance. Attend the program to receive a free weatherization kit! Registration required to claim free weatherization kit. April 8th, 6-7 PM. Adults.

Canning Series: *Water Bath Method*- Part 1 of a 2 part canning series, this session focuses on the "water bath" method of canning. Presented by the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension. April 15th, 5:30-6:30 PM. Adults. Registration requested.


Weird Plants- Learn the stories of the bizarre adaptations of weird plants, enjoy spectacular illustrations, then use a variety of materials to construct entirely new plant species adapted to some strange and diverse environments. Presented by the Delaware Nature Society. Part of the Longwood Community Read program. April 23rd, All Ages. 5-6 p.m. Registration requested.


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



DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY EVENTS

3/19 - Sub Sale 6AM - 11AM or sold out 

3/23 - Fundraiser at Shake Shack - 11AM - 9PM  SHAKE SHACK

4/25 - Save the Date - Shrimp Feast - Check our Facebook page for updates. 

4/26 - Michael Kors & Coach Bingo - Doors open at noon - Games start at 1PM

BINGO



What Should You Do If A Coastal Storm Threatens Your Community?



Look Inside

There are two paths to take

FAMILY PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR EVACUATING DURING A COASTAL STORM

- Stay alert to storm advisories. Watch and Warning—know the difference.
- Enact your family disaster plan.
- Map out your route. Use travel routes specified by local authorities. DO NOT get on the road without a place to go.
- Fill your car with gasoline.
- Evacuate if told to do so. DO NOT get stranded. EVACUATE EARLY.
- Enact your pet plan. Before a storm threatens, contact your veterinarian or local humane society for information on preparing your pets for an emergency. Shelters do not usually accept pets.
- Bring your disaster supply kit (including important documents, identification, and proof of residency).
- Secure your home before leaving. Board up windows and glass doors, and/or loose yard objects or bring them inside and lock your doors.
- Get cash. Following a coastal storm, banks and ATMs may be temporarily closed.
- Notify family and friends of your plans.
- When evacuating. If possible, evacuate to the home of other friends or family in a non-vulnerable area within your county. Next, try a motel or hotel and as a last resort go to a shelter.

People who require special assistance in evacuating should register with their local emergency management offices.

www.state.de.us/dema

Disaster Supply Kit

WATER—at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 days.

FOOD—at least enough for 3 days.

- non-perishable packaged or canned food/foods
- food for infants or the elderly
- snack foods
- non-electric can opener
- cooking tools/fuel
- paper plates/plastic utensils

CLOTHING—seasonal rain gear, sturdy shoes

BLANKETS/PILLOWS, etc.

FIRST AID KIT/ MEDICINES

- prescription and non-prescription medications
- glasses, dentures, hearing aids, etc.

SPECIAL ITEMS—for babies and elderly

TOILETRIES—Hygiene toweles

MOISTURE WIPES

FLASHLIGHT/ BATTERIES

RADIO— Battery Operated and NOAA Weather Radio

CASH

KEYS—Extra set of home and car keys

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS in a water proof container

- insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Verification and proof of residency such as a utility bill
- document all valuables

TOYS/BOOKS/ ENTERTAINMENT

TOOLS—Keep a six with you during the storm

VEHICLE FUEL TANKS FILLED

PET CARE ITEMS

- proper food/food/veterinarian records
- ample supply of food and water
- a carrier or cage
- medications
- leashes and leashes

Watch and Warning... Know the Difference

A WATCH issued for your part of the coast indicates the possibility that you could experience coastal storm or hurricane conditions within 36 hours. This watch should trigger your family's disaster plan, and protective measures should be initiated—especially those actions that require extra time such as securing a boat, leaving a barrier island, etc.

A COASTAL FLOOD WARNING issued for your part of the coast indicates that moderate or severe coastal flooding is occurring, is imminent, or is expected within the next 12 hours.

A HURRICANE WARNING is issued when sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours. Once this warning has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

Listen to Your Emergency Alert System (EAS) Radio Stations:

New Castle County: WSTW (93.7 FM); WDEL (1150 AM)
 Kent County: WDSD (92.9 FM); WDOV (1410 AM)
 Sussex County: WZBH (93.5 FM); WSSR (900 AM)
 Statewide Traffic Information: WTMC (1380 AM)

For More Information:
 Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA)
 302-659-3362; In-state toll free: 877-729-3362
www.state.de.us/dema

Local Emergency Management Offices

New Castle County: 302-573-2855
 Kent County: 302-736-2222
 Sussex County: 302-855-7801
 Wilmington: 302-571-4430

Local Contact Information
 (If this area is blank, check the Government Pages of your phone book for your county's emergency management office phone number)

Funding for this brochure was provided by Connectiv Power Delivery, DEMA, the University of Delaware Sea Grant College Program, and Delaware's Project Impact Communities in Bethany, Lewes, Milford and Wilmington. The State of Delaware would like to thank the State of Florida for the use of this brochure design.

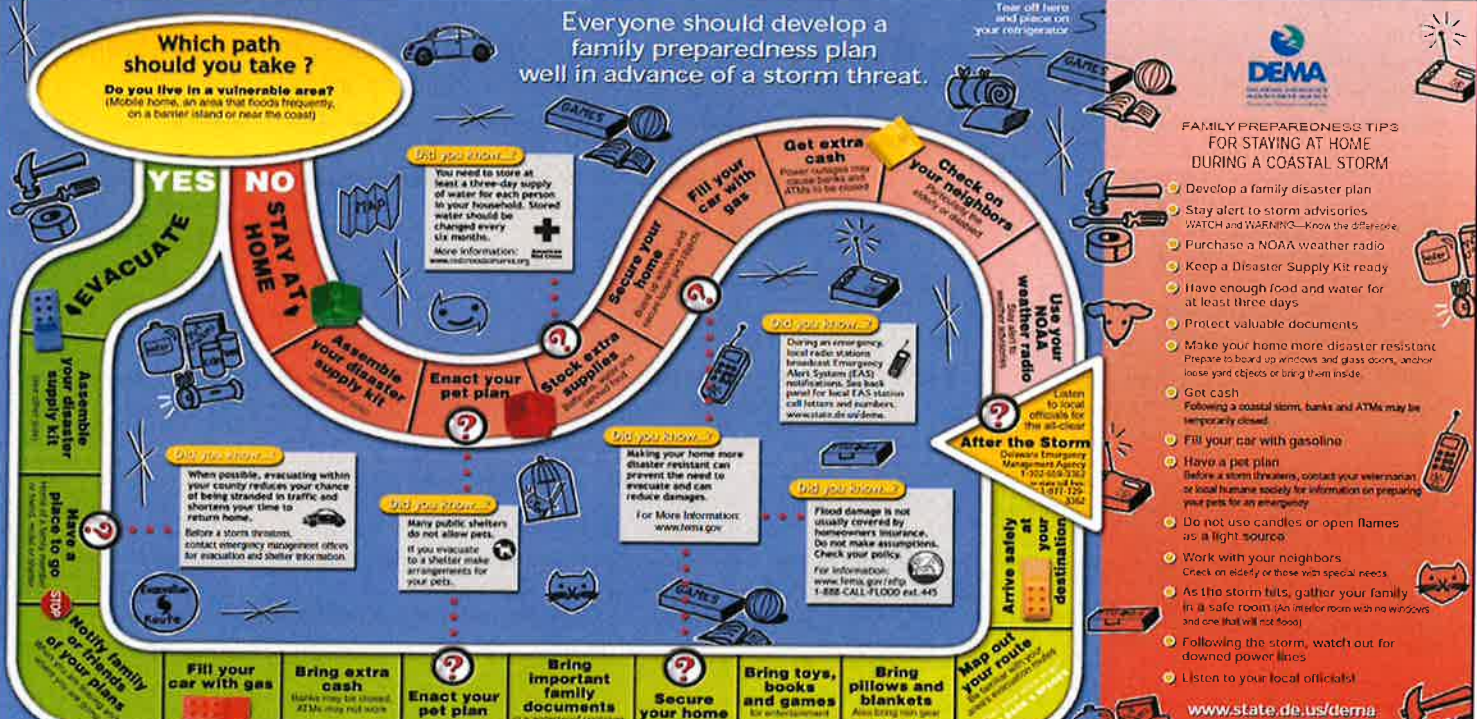
Which path should you take?

Do you live in a vulnerable area? (Mobile home, an area that floods frequently, on a barrier island or near the coast)

YES → **EVACUATE**

NO → **STAY AT HOME**

Everyone should develop a family preparedness plan well in advance of a storm threat.



FAMILY PREPAREDNESS TIPS FOR STAYING AT HOME DURING A COASTAL STORM

- Develop a family disaster plan
- Stay alert to storm advisories. WATCH and WARNING—know the difference.
- Purchase a NOAA weather radio
- Keep a Disaster Supply Kit ready
- Have enough food and water for at least three days
- Protect valuable documents
- Make your home more disaster resistant. Prepare to board up windows and glass doors, and/or loose yard objects or bring them inside.
- Get cash. Following a coastal storm, banks and ATMs may be temporarily closed.
- Fill your car with gasoline
- Have a pet plan. Before a storm threatens, contact your veterinarian or local humane society for information on preparing your pets for an emergency.
- Do not use candles or open flames as a light source
- Work with your neighbors. Check on elderly or those with special needs
- As the storm hits, gather your family in a safe room (an interior room with no windows and one that will not flood)
- Following the storm, watch out for downed power lines
- Listen to your local officials!

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ELECTION INFORMATION

MUNICIPAL ELECTION



PURSUANT TO THE DELAWARE CITY CHARTER, A MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM ON **TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020**, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 NOON AND EIGHT O'CLOCK P.M. TO ELECT THREE (3) COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS EACH:

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

Three Council Seats

Two-Year Terms

(Vote for Only Three)

Betty (Tranthum) Barrett

Elizabeth (Beth) Konkus

Dale Slotter

Margaret (Megan) Titus

APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL, 407 CLINTON STREET. ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT TOWN HALL ON MARCH 20th. AN APPLICATION MUST FIRST BE SUBMITTED TO OBTAIN AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.

LAST DATE TO REQUEST AN APPLICATION FOR AN ABSENTEE BALLOT IS THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2020 BY 4:30 PM.

LAST DATE TO RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS 8:00 PM TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020. IF RETURNING ABSENTEE BALLOTS ON APRIL 7, 2020, YOU MUST DROP IT OFF AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE LIBRARY, 250 FIFTH STREET.

ALL VOTERS MUST BE REGISTERED TO VOTE UNDER THE STATE OF DELAWARE'S VOTER REGISTRATION SYSTEM MAINTAINED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE ELECTION.

ANYONE WISHING TO REVIEW THE CITY CHARTER OR ORDINANCES REGARDING THE ABOVE MAY DO SO AT THE TOWN

ELECTION VOTER QUALIFICATIONS



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 at least thirty (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 ivote.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 (Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30) and we will help you register.

Mayor & Council:

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

Monday, April 20th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

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

Planning Commission:

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

Monday, May 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Delaware City
Town Hall

Historic Preservation Commission:

Tuesday, April 14th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 5th 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



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

First of all, I hope everyone had a great holiday season as we move closer to spring with warmer weather and longer days. It's hard to believe that six months have already passed since taking over the Mayor's position.

Those six months have been busy, exciting, and through collaboration and teamwork, we've been able to accomplish many beneficial projects. I'm excited about the future and will briefly point out some of our accomplishments and things we have coming up in the future.

As a result of last year's Mayor's Ball, and a grant opportunity for \$150,000 through DNREC, we have been able to outfit the 5th Street bridge with new lights for safe pedestrian crossing. We have also paved the 7th Street basketball court, and both parking lots at the Community Center. A couple months ago, we partnered with a local company called EcoPlastics that recycles plastic materials and transforms them

into usable products. This reduces the amount of plastic waste in our landfills and allows us to contribute to a worthy environmental project. Through this partnership, we have purchased 4 new benches made entirely of recycled plastic. Each bench removes 30,000 plastic bags out of the landfill.

Another exciting project taking place is the replacement of the gazebo in the park. The old gazebo will be removed and replaced with a larger, modern, and more appealing gazebo that will allow us to hold more events in the park. In the future, we are going to continue paving as many streets as we can and repairing our old curbs throughout the City. We will also be replacing many stop signs and updating our street signs to match the ones at Fort DuPont. DelDOT recently announced an increase to our Municipal Street Aid funding so that will help with these initiatives.

The 8th annual Mayor's Ball will be held on April 18th at the Delaware City Fire Co. Banquet Hall from 8pm-midnight. I hope to see many of you there as we have an opportunity to raise funds to reinvest back into the community, socialize and celebrate Delaware City.

In closing, we will begin preparing our annual operating and capital budgets in the near future. The City is on solid financial footing as a result of our City Manager and Finance Manager working diligent with Council on reducing waste and exploring opportunities to increase revenue. I'm happy to report that I will not recommend a tax increase, or reduction in any City services, as a result of their efforts.

I would like to thank each and every one of you for the support I've received since taking over. It's truly an honor to serve you and represent the place that I've called home my entire life



Sincerely,
Paul H. Johnson, Sr.
Mayor

MAYOR'S BALL 2020



**JOIN US FOR AN ELEGANT EVENING OF
FINE FOOD AND LIVE MUSIC IN HISTORIC DELAWARE
CITY!**

APRIL 18, 2020

**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**

TICKETS: \$100.00 PER PERSON

FACEBOOK: 8TH ANNUAL MAYORS BALL





CITY NEWS

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March 2020

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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

DELAWARE CITY DAY

WILL BE HELD

SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

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 2021. (Beginning July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021)

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, 2019, 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 2019. *If you do not file a Federal Tax Form, you must submit: a copy of 2019 Social Security Benefit Statements, a copy of 2019 interest statements, and a copy of 2019 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
5. 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 Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

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

Deadline for Filing: April 15, 2020

Posted: January 6, 2020 Town Hall, Post Office, Sunset Market, Delaware City Valero, and Library

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