



CITY NEWS

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NOTICE TO SENIORS/DISABLED

With certain household income limitations, you may be eligible for a reduction on your city property tax and water rates during fiscal year 2015. (Beginning July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2015).

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, 2013, and your income does not exceed the limits above.

You must submit the following documents with your application:

1. Copy of Federal Tax Form (1040) for 2013. If you do not file a Federal Tax Form, you must submit: a copy of 2013 Social Security Benefit Statements and/or a copy of 2013 interest statements and/or a copy of 2013 pension statements.
2. Proof of income for all household residents over 18 years old
3. Certificate of Insurance Award if disabled
4. Proof of age (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 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM and Friday from 8:30AM to 12:30 PM.

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

Deadline for Filing: April 15, 2014

DELAWARE CITY COMMUNITY GARDEN

A Community Garden is a place where residents can grow their own fruits, vegetables, herbs and flowers. It is located behind the Paul H. Morrill, Jr. Community Center 250 Fifth Street. If you are interested in obtaining a plot or more information contact Angela at goingarden@juno.com or 484-832-4318. If you had a plot last year you still need to contact Angela.

CITY ELECTIONS SCHEDULED

The Delaware City Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2014. There are three (3) seats on Council up for election this year. The deadline for filing to become a candidate for Council is Friday, February 28, 2014. Stop by Town Hall to pick up the necessary forms and for further information on qualifications for office. You can also visit our website at www.delawarecity.delaware.gov for all the information regarding the election: Click on Commissions and Boards and then Board of Elections. Notices are also posted around Town at the Post Office, Sunset Market, Valero Gas Station, Library, and Town Hall.

Friendly Reminders:

Snow Removal

Property owners and renters are reminded that they are responsible for proper maintenance of the sidewalks. This includes clearing snow and ice from sidewalks abutting their home or business. By Code, sidewalks must be cleared within 24 hours of a snow or ice event. Please ensure that pedestrians can safely travel on all sidewalks and do not forget to lend a hand to your elderly or disabled neighbor. Remember *if you wouldn't drink it don't dump it down the drain!*

Trash Carts

Property owners are responsible to keep track of their trash & recycling carts. Please make a note of your cart numbers and when you take in your carts after trash pick up make sure you are retrieving the correct cart number.

All carts should be placed by the curb for trash pickup no sooner than 15 hours before Monday morning trash/recycling pick-up. All carts should be removed from the curb and brought to the BACK of the property by 6:00 AM Tuesday morning.

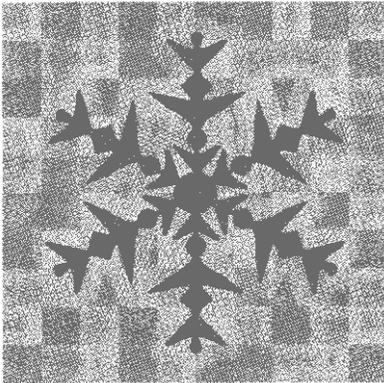
LIBRARY NEWS

A DVD discussion on the book "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn will start on Monday 1-27-14 from 6:30-8 at the library and run for 8 weeks. Not necessary to read the book as the discussion is based on the DVD.

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3rd ANNUAL MAYOR'S BALL

The Mayor's Ball is set for Saturday, 3-8-14. This year's event will benefit Fort Delaware and the Playground Equipment Fund. Entertainment will be provided by the *Fabulous Hubcaps!* Tickets for this formal event are \$100 per person. All information can be found and tickets can be purchased on the website www.delawaremayorsball.com.

MAIN STREET...

...is sponsoring the Dolly Spanker Speaker Series. First presentation, "The Art and History and Etiquette of the Afternoon Tea" is 3-9-14 at Cordelia's, 88 Clinton Street.

MASTER PLAN FOR COMMUNITY CENTER PARK

The City has recently hired Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson (JMT) engineering to help us develop a Master Plan for the Community Center Park and Dragon Run Trail. The City and JMT want to get as much public input as possible and are inviting members of the public, including our youth, to attend a public workshop scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2014 starting at 6:00 PM at the Community Center. Your attendance and participation is requested so that we can make sure the Master Plan reflects the needs and desires of our residents.

Ebenezer Methodist Church...

...will be holding a Soup Sale from 9AM-Noon on Saturday, 2-8. Vegetable, Bean and chicken noodle soups will be on sale for \$5 a quart.

...on Saturday, 3-8 from 2-6PM a Ham and Oyster dinner will be available at the church. Tickets are \$20 for adults and take out dinners. Call 302-834-7503 for tickets.

Fire Company Events:

-Place an order for Joe Corbi's pizza, pretzels, calzones, cookie dough, cheesecakes and pies.

-Dine and Donate at Lonestar Steakhouse on Rt 13 on 1-23-14 and they will donate a portion to the Fire Company. You will need to present your server with a flyer that you can obtain from the Fire Company.

-February 22nd the fire company will be having a Silent Auction and Fundraising dinner from 6-11 PM. Tickets are \$30 each or \$50 a couple. For tickets contact Albert at 302-218-6364 or Patti at 302-218-6348.

-Basket Bingo will be held on 4-6. Doors open at 1PM and games start at 2PM cost is \$20 for 20 games.

The Fire Company would like to congratulate Charles Neel and Jasper Lakey who received awards on January 4th for their 65 years of continuous service to the Delaware City Fire Company.



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THE BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING PICK-UP WILL CONTINUE TO BE PICKED UP ON MONDAYS. THE SCHEDULE FOR 2014 IS AS FOLLOWS:

JANUARY	13, 27
FEBRUARY	10, 24
MARCH	10, 24
APRIL	7, 21
MAY	5, 19
JUNE	2, 16, 30
JULY	14, 28
AUGUST	11, 25
SEPTEMBER	8, 22
OCTOBER	6, 20
NOVEMBER	3, 17
DECEMBER	1, 15, 29

PLEASE POST THIS FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.

This project is funded in part by a Universal Recycling Grant from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC) and the Recycling Public Advisory Council (RPAC). For information about the Universal Recycling Grant and Low Interest Loan Program, call 302-739-9403.

***Where Does Stormwater Pollution Come From:**

When it rains or snows, oil, antifreeze, detergents, pesticides and other pollutants get washed from driveways, yards, parking lots, streets, farm fields and construction sites into swales and storm drains and then directly into streams and rivers.

-Per acre, homes use more pesticides than farms. Applying **fertilizers and pesticides** before a rain produces large amounts of polluted runoff. Rain does not help "soak in" the chemicals but rather washes them away down a storm drain introducing them into lakes and streams promoting the growth of algae that kills fish. By applying chemicals several days before a rain is forecasted, you can help your yard and environment. Also consider reducing the number of applications of fertilizer and pesticides.

-**Pet Waste** left on the ground gets carried away by stormwater, contributing harmful nutrients, bacteria, parasites and viruses to our streams, rivers and bays. Clean up after your pet and dispose of the waste down the toilet or in the garbage never down the drain!

-**Vehicle fluids** such as oil, gas, and antifreeze are a major water quality problem nationwide. A single quart of used motor oil can contaminate a quarter of a million gallons of fresh water! Maintain your vehicles to prevent dripping onto driveways and roads. Recycle used oil - NEVER dump it into a storm drain! Call the Delaware Solid Waste Authority at 800.404.7080 or go to www.dswa.com for a complete list of drop off locations in your area.

-**Washing your car** on pavement allows dirt, oils and detergents to run into storm drains. To prevent stormwater pollution, use commercial car washes, which treat or recycle water, or wash your vehicle on grassed areas so that the runoff can soak into the ground. Hosing off pavements washes pollutants into storm drains leading straight to surface waters. Sweep your debris into a proper receptacle - Not into the storm drain!

-**Yard waste** such as grass clippings, tree trimmings, and leaves can clog storm drains causing pooling water and creating dangerous driving conditions. They also add excess nutrients to ponds and stream, leading to algae blooms and fish kills. Sweep your debris into a proper receptacle - Not into the storm drain! Leave grass clippings on the lawn for free natural fertilizer. And compost yard and garden wastes to provide rich additives for your gardens, or take them to a recycling facility.

-**Litter and debris** can clog storm drains and be carried directly into a nearby stream, pond, river or bay. Keep trash in your car until it can be disposed of properly! Street litter such as Styrofoam, plastic, cigarette butts, and paper can be prevented from blowing and washing into inlets by keeping trash bins covered and by not littering.

-Did you know that **cigarette butts** make up a very large portion of the litter and trash on our streets and highways? DelDOT spends a lot of money to sweep tons of cigarette butts from the roads each year. The butts wash into storm drains and streams, where they pollute water and poison wildlife. Plus, they can ignite fires in dry brush and mulch!

-Reducing your use of **toxic or harmful chemicals** around the home reduces the potential for these materials to find their way into our waterways. If you must use chemicals such as cleaners, choose organic or biodegradable products whenever possible. Always use household chemicals such as cleaners, paints and pesticides according to the label directions and dispose of them properly. NEVER dump or wash leftover materials into storm drains!

-**Construction Sites** can release large amounts of harmful sediment into streams if proper erosion controls are not used. Some common erosion control practices are vegetative filter strips, silt fence, gravel drives, and runoff inlet protection.

If you should witness or know of any illicit discharge of any of the above, please contact Town Hall at 834-4573.

REMEMBER ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN!

*Article taken from Del D.O.T. website: <http://www.deldot.gov/stormwater/wherestorm.shtml>