



# CITY NEWS

DELAWARE CITY, DELAWARE

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November 10, 2015

***We Wish You The Merriest of Holidays and A Happy New Year***



Town Hall will be closed on Thursday & Friday, Nov. 27 & 28, and Thursday & Friday, Dec. 25 & 26 and Wednesday, Dec 31 and Thursday, Jan 1, 2014.

## CHRISTMAS IN DELAWARE CITY

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

**December 12-14-** Reedy Point Players performance of *Stocking Stuffers*. at the Paul H. Morrill, Jr. Community Center, 250 Fifth Street. For information email [RPPTheatre@gmail.com](mailto:RPPTheatre@gmail.com) or visit their website [www.thereedypointplayers.com](http://www.thereedypointplayers.com)

**December 13—**Holiday Parade of Lights sponsored by Main Street, will start at 6:00 PM. The parade route will start at Kathy's Crab House and continue down Clinton Street ending at Crabby Dicks.

**Historic Ghost Tour - 7:00 PM**

**December 14—**Christmas Party with Santa and lunch at Dragon Run 1-3 PM

### From the Desk of Chief Baylor

Please make sure that your house number is visible on the front of your house for First Responders in case of an emergency.

## F.O.I.A. ROADSHOW

Delaware City has scheduled a F.O.I.A. (Freedom of Information Act) Roadshow through the Attorney General's office. It will be presented by Edward Black, Deputy Attorney General and held at the Paul H. Morrill, Jr. Community Center, 250 Fifth Street on Thursday, December 4th beginning at 6:00 PM. F.O.I.A. is a very important topic. Come on out and have your questions answered. For more information, contact Town Hall 834-4573.

## CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

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.

## SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

Please be reminded that property owners are responsible for proper maintenance of the sidewalks. This includes snow removal. Please ensure that pedestrians can safely travel on all sidewalks.

## REEDY POINT PLAYERS PRODUCTION

Join the Reedy Point Players for their production of *Stocking Stuffers*, a play with hilarious Christmas themed one acts that are for the entire family. Performances will be on Dec 12 & 13 at 8PM and Dec 14 at 2PM. Tickets are \$5 (10 and under), \$10 (seniors, active military, student), and \$12 (adult). Tickets are cash only at the door. Advanced tickets can be purchased online at [reedypointplayers.ticketleap.com](http://reedypointplayers.ticketleap.com).

## DELAWARE CITY 4th ANNUAL TOY DRIVE

Once again this year we will be having the "Annabell Toy Run" for Delaware City residents that are less fortunate. You can drop off your new unwrapped gifts at Town Hall, the Marina, Cordelia's, or Crabby Dicks anytime from Dec 1-20. Remember the children range in ages from infants to teens.

If you are aware of any Delaware City families that would benefit from this toy drive, please drop off a letter to "Santa" at Town Hall with their names.

**A BIG THANK YOU...**from the Governor Bacon Health Center to all the local business owners and friends for their generous support to the SECC charity event that benefitted such charities as Breast Cancer, C.E.R.T.S., Prevent Child Abuse, Faithful Friends and Delaware Cops, to name a few.

#### LIBRARY NEWS

-Basic Microsoft Word Computer Class; Tues, 11-18 at 10AM; Thurs, 11-20 at 6PM; and Sun 11-23 at Noon. Registration is required, call DeNiece Barger at Library 834-4148.

-Storyteller, Clem Bowen presents: "*A Christmas Surprise*" Wed, 12-11 at 6PM . There will be lots of singing, sleigh bells and noises in the night only to find a Christmas surprise. This program is FREE.

-Jewelry Making Classes, Sat, 12-13 from 1:30-3:30 and Sun, 12-14 from 12:30-2:30. Classes are FREE and all materials will be provided. Beginners welcome.

#### DELAWARE CITY LOCAL CHURCH EVENTS

**1st Presbyterian Church** 2nd & Jefferson Streets will be presenting a Christmas Musical Program, Sun, 12-7 at 2:30PM. Christmas Eve Service will be 12-24 at 8PM. For more information contact 834-7266.

**St. Paul Catholic Church**, 409 Adams Street, will hold a Christmas Bazaar Saturday, 11-15, from 9AM to 3PM and Sunday, 11-16 from 10AM to 2PM. For more information call 328-0364.

**Ebenezer Methodist Church** is having a men's discussion group at Lewinsky's Restaurant on Clinton St on Thursday nights at 7PM. Discussing *Lay it Down* by Randall Cunningham. Come any Thursday. No need to buy the book. After the discussion, guys can stick around and watch the Thursday Night NFL game. Bring a friend for fellowship and faith.

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## NOTICE 2015

THE BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING PICK-UP WILL CONTINUE TO BE PICKED UP ON MONDAYS. THE SCHEDULE FOR 2015 IS AS FOLLOWS:

<b>JANUARY</b>	<b>12, 26</b>
<b>FEBRUARY</b>	<b>9, 23</b>
<b>MARCH</b>	<b>9, 23</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>6, 20</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>4, 18</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>1, 15, 29</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>13, 27</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>10, 24</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>8, 21</b> (Please note 9-8 is a Tuesday due to Monday is Labor Day)
<b>OCTOBER</b>	<b>5, 19</b>
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	<b>2, 16, 30</b>
<b>DECEMBER</b>	<b>14, 28</b>

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.*

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## BOXHOLDER DELAWARECITY, DE 19706

### WHY RECYCLE?

By recycling, we are taking responsibility for the waste we generate. We become part of the waste **solution** instead of the problem. By recycling you are helping the environment and the City.

Some Recycling Facts:

**Recycling** helps prolong the life of our landfills.

**Recycling** reduces the City's waste disposal costs.

**Recycling** helps save energy.

**Recycling** helps conserve natural resources.

**Recycling** helps reduce pollution.

### WHAT CAN I RECYCLE?

Acceptable single stream recyclables you can put into your recycling cart are:

- Newspapers/ Brown Paper Bags
- Magazines, Catalogs
- Telephone/Soft Cover Books
- Junk Mail/Envelopes (all types)
- Paper
- Paperboard (cereal/tissue boxes)
- Corrugated Cardboard (flattened)
- Narrow-Neck plastic bottles (examples: milk jugs, bleach/detergent, shampoo bottles)
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Glass Bottles/Jars (any color)
- Metal Cans (tin, steel and aluminum)

There is no need to place your recyclables into bags before putting them into the cart. For more information as to what you can recycle please visit:  
[www.awmdelaware.gov/Recycling/Pages/](http://www.awmdelaware.gov/Recycling/Pages/)

## About the Mandatory Purchase of Flood Insurance Requirement

**NFIP:** This community participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), which makes federally backed flood insurance available for all eligible buildings, whether they are in a floodplain or not. Flood insurance covers direct losses caused by surface flooding, including a river flowing over its banks, a lake or ocean storm, and local drainage problems.

The NFIP insures buildings, including mobile homes, with two types of coverage: building and contents. Building coverage is for the walls, floors, insulation, furnace, and other items permanently attached to the structure. Contents coverage may be purchased separately, if the contents are in an insurable building.

**Mandatory Purchase Requirement:** The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994 made the purchase of flood insurance mandatory for federally backed mortgages on buildings located in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). It also affects all forms of Federal or Federally related financial assistance for buildings located in SFHAs. The SFHA is the base (100-year) floodplain mapped on a Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). It is shown as one or more zones that begin with the letter "A" or "V."

The rule applies to secured mortgage loans from such financial institutions as commercial lenders, savings and loan associations, savings banks, and credit unions that are regulated, supervised, or insured by Federal agencies such as the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Office of Thrift Supervision. It also applies to all mortgage loans purchased by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac in the secondary mortgage market.

Federal financial assistance programs affected by the laws include loans and grants from agencies such as the Department of Veterans Affairs, Farmers Home Administration, Federal Housing Administration, Small Business Administration, and the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

**How it Works:** Lenders are required to complete a Standard Flood Hazard Determination (SFHD) form whenever they make, increase, extend or renew a mortgage, home equity, home improvement, commercial, or farm credit loan to determine if the building or manufactured (mobile) home is in an SFHA. It is the Federal agency's or the lender's responsibility to check the current Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) to determine if the building is in an SFHA. Copies of the FIRM are available for review in most local government building or planning departments. Lenders may also have copies or they use a flood zone determination company to provide the SFHD form.,

If the building is in a SFHA, the Federal agency or lender is required by law to require the recipient to purchase a flood insurance policy on the building. Federal regulations require building coverage equal to the amount of the loan (excluding appraised value of the land) or the maximum amount of insurance available from the NFIP, whichever is less. The maximum amount available for a single-family residence is \$250,000. Government sponsored enterprises, such as Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, have stricter requirements.

The mandatory purchase requirement does not affect loans or financial assistance for items that are not covered by a flood insurance policy, such as vehicles, business expenses, landscaping, and vacant lots. It does not affect loans for buildings that are not in an SFHA, even though a portion of the lot may be. While not mandated by law, a lender may require a flood insurance policy, as a condition of a loan, for a property in any zone on a FIRM.

If a person feels that a SFHD form incorrectly places the property in the SFHA, he or she may request a Letter of Determination Review from FEMA. This must be submitted within 45 days of the determination. More information can be found at [http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/fq\\_gen11.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/plan/prevent/fhm/fq_gen11.shtm).

Figure 320-1. Handout on mandatory purchase of flood insurance.

## Stormwater Runoff

Due to the increase of impervious surfaces, stormwater flows have become more rapid and concentrated. This forceful flow of water can erode land and pick up pollutants as it travels to storm drains.

- Direct downspouts onto the lawn, garden, or landscaped areas.
- Collect roof runoff in a rain barrel and use the water to irrigate the lawn or garden.
- Limit paved surfaces by choosing more porous options such as wooden decks and gravel or brick paths to allow rainwater to slowly seep into the ground.
- If you live along a stream...
  - allow a vegetated buffer to grow along the stream bank; do not mow to the edge.
  - plant native trees and shrubs along streams to stabilize banks, trap pollutants, and provide stream habitat.

## Household & Automotive Chemicals

Common chemicals used in our homes and vehicles are toxic and should never be poured down storm drains, on the ground, in gutters, or in local waterways. One gallon of oil poured down a storm drain can contaminate up to one million gallons of drinking water. Contact the Delaware Solid Waste Authority at 1-800-404-7080 or [www.dswa.com](http://www.dswa.com) for a complete list of accepted materials and drop-off locations in your area.

- Recycle motor oil and filters.
- Dispose of vehicle fluids and household chemicals at a hazardous waste drop off location.
- Regular vehicle maintenance reduces the potential for leaks.

## Pesticides

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, homeowners apply 10 times more per acre than the average farmer applies! Using pesticides not only eliminates harmful insects, but also kills beneficial insects such as ladybugs and praying mantises.

- Eliminate or minimize the use of chemical pesticides.
- If you use pesticides, read the label carefully, wear protective clothing, follow the directions exactly, and spray. Dispose of excess material at a hazardous waste drop-off location.

## Nutrients & Bacteria

Some of the excess nutrients found in our waterways can be attributed to yard waste common household soaps, detergents and even our pets. These excess nutrients can cause algae blooms and fish kills. In addition, to contributing extra nutrients to local waterways, pet waste contains disease causing bacteria and viruses.

- Compost grass clippings, brush, and other yard waste — never dispose of these materials in a storm drain or local stream.
- Wash your car in a grassy area where the water can infiltrate or take it to a commercial car wash.
- As part of your lawn maintenance, collect your pet waste and dispose of it in the garbage or flush it.

## Protect our water!

Use the following check lists around your home and yard to help prevent storm water pollution from entering local storm drains and protect Delaware's water quality.

### Fertilizers

Excess fertilizer can pollute local streams and rivers. During application, be careful not to spill fertilizers on sidewalks or driveways. Because they mix easily with rain water, they cause pollution problems if washed into a storm drain. Remember, our storm drains empty directly into local streams and rivers without any treatment.

- Apply only the recommended amount of fertilizer needed and calibrate the spreader's settings.
- Never apply fertilizer to frozen ground or when rain has been forecasted.
- Use organic fertilizers such as grass clippings and compost.

*Note: By leaving grass clippings on the lawn or composting them, you can save up to 25% on fertilizer costs.*

# What can YOU do to help protect our water?