

CITY NEWS

DELAWARE CITY, DELAWARE

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AUGUST 23, 2013

SAVE THE DATE!!!

River Towns Ride and Festival—Saturday, October 5th from noon-5PM Celebrating Historic New Castle & Delaware City. This FREE event will take place rain or shine and will feature food, music, vendors, craft beer and family fun at both locations! Cycling Time Trials from the City of New Castle to Delaware City and recreational bike rides between the two Cities for all ability levels. Come out and enjoy this Family Festival. For more information go to:
RiverTownsFestival.com.

NEW ORDINANCES

Ordinance 13-0128-02 was adopted by the Mayor and Council on 2-25-13 and it requires the registration of all vacant buildings, dwellings, and mobile dwelling units, whether the property is vacant and secure, vacant and open or vacant and boarded. The registration and fee shall be required whenever any building has remained vacant for sixty (60) consecutive days or more. The payment of a registration fee is to protect the public's health, safety and welfare, and to monitor the number of vacant properties in the City, to assess the effects of these buildings on nearby businesses and the neighborhoods - particularly in light of fire safety hazards and unlawful, temporary occupancy by transients, including illicit drug users and traffickers, and to require the owners of vacant buildings to register and pay the related costs, and to promote substantial efforts to rehabilitate vacant buildings. The annual vacant property registration fee shall be a non-refundable \$100.00. Failure to timely register or pay the registration fee shall result in a fine of \$25.00 each month the vacant property remains unregistered. The owner of the vacant property, as of November 1 of each calendar year, shall be responsible for the payment of the non-refundable registration fee on January 1 of each year.

Ordinance 12-1217-01 adopted by the Mayor and Council on 5-20-13 requires a permit for the use of a Banner Sign from the City prior to display. The use of a Banner Sign is permitted only for business "start ups", "grand openings", and "special events". The size of a Banner Sign shall not exceed the size limitations in Sections 46-81 through 46-88 of Chapter 46 of the City Code. An initial business start-up or grand opening banner permit will not be issued for more than ninety (90) days, and a special event banner permit shall not be issued for more than thirty (30) days. The City Manager may extend any banner permit for a period of an additional thirty (30) days. No more than three banner permits shall be issued for more than thirty (30) days, and no more than three banner permits shall be

issued for any property, or to any individual or entity, in any calendar year.

Call Town Hall for more information 834-4573. To view the above ordinances in their entirety go to www.delawarecity.delaware.gov, government, M&C, ordinances.

FIRE COMPANY NEWS



Friday, 9-20 -Country Line Dancing

Sunday, 10-20-Basket Bingo 2 pm, \$20 for 20 games.

Saturday, 11-2 -The Delaware City Fire Company will hold its annual Open House from 10 am until 2 pm. Come see what they have to offer.

And don't forget to mark your calendars for **Saturday, December 14th** for Breakfast with Santa from 8AM-11AM. More information to come.

When you call 911, every second counts, and now a new system in New Castle County will shave vital seconds off response time. In the very near future the New Castle County 911 Center will be implementing this new system that can help first responders. Please take the time to register at <https://www.smart911.com/> and follow the instructions in providing information that could help save your life or a life of a loved one.

GOT DRUGS?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal on **Saturday, October 26, 2013** from 10 AM to 2PM in the Town Hall Parking Lot.

DRAGON RUN....Is sponsoring a FREE bus trip to Washington DC on **Saturday, Sept 21, 2013**. Bus will board at Dragon Run Park and depart at 8AM and arrive at Smithsonian Institute at 10AM. You will be in Washington DC for 6 hours and board the bus for home at 4PM arriving at Dragon Run at 6PM. Sign up in front of the Post Office on Saturday, August 17th or 24th from 9AM to Noon.

Dragon Run will be holding their annual Halloween Party on **Saturday, October 26th** from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

STORMWATER PROTECTION

As stormwater runoff flows over land surfaces—pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs—it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt and other pollutants. Stormwater can flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. 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 stormwater polluting, we must consider individual, household, and public behaviors and activities that can generate pollution from these surfaces. These common individual behaviors have the potential to generate stormwater pollution:

- Insecticides, fungicides and animal care products
- Pesticides, herbicides and wood preservatives
- Fluorescent light bulbs, compact fluorescent lights and other mercury-containing devices (switches, thermometers, thermostats and ballasts)
- Rechargeable and button batteries
- Photographic chemicals, hobby-set chemicals
- Pool chemicals and ammonium nitrate fertilizers
- Lead & other non-latex paints, paint strippers, rust removers

- Corrosive or caustic cleaners and acids, including battery acids & toilet and drain cleaners
- Flammables, including oil-based paints, solvents, and fuel and fluids for cars, tools and machines
- Very old products that may contain banned or restricted chemicals such as DDT
- Prescription medicines
- Personal care items such as nail polish and removers
- Home aerosols and cleaners, including bleaches
- Ammunition and firecrackers
- Antifreeze

It takes individual behavior change and proper practices to control such pollution.

IF YOU WOULD NOT DRINK IT, DO NOT DUMP IT!!

(Source: EPA Outreach Materials & News Journal 1-12-08)

Mark your calendars... Delaware City's Christmas Parade-Saturday, December 7, 2013. More info to come.

...Reedy Point Players performance dates have been announced! Oct. 25, 26 & 27, 2013 *House of the Seven Gables*. Dec. 13, 14, & 15, 2013 *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*. And the Spring production will take place on May 2, 3, & 4, 2014 *The Outsiders*.

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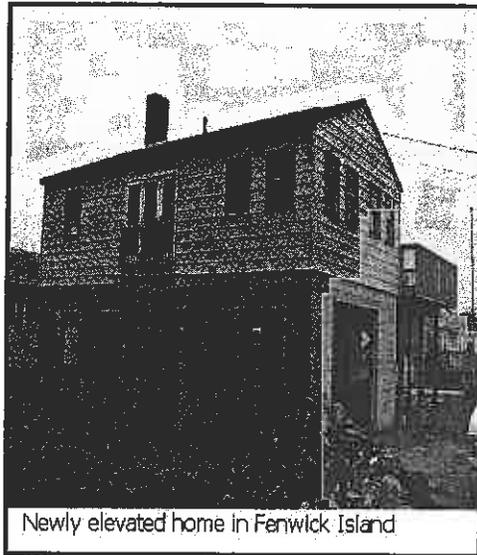
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The National Flood Insurance Program and Your Property

The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is the primary provider of flood insurance in Delaware. The NFIP is administered by

the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and is self-supporting through policyholder premiums – no tax dollars are used. You can purchase NFIP flood insurance through most local insurance agents or directly from the NFIP by calling 1-800-638-



Newly elevated home in Fenwick Island

6620. There are steps you can take to ensure that you have the necessary coverage and to minimizing the cost of insurance and risk of flood damage.

INSURANCE TIPS

Most local insurance companies sell flood insurance through the NFIP and can provide detailed explanations about the program. Here are some cost saving tips:

Adequate Coverage

For primary residences, coverage should equal the **replacement cost** of your house, not including land. For non-primary residences, use **actual cash value** as a guide. Inadequate insurance coverage will leave you with considerable uninsured expenses at the time of a claim.

Proper Rating

The Flood Insurance Rate Map used to set the cost of insurance should be the map that was in effect when your home was built (providing you have not substantially improved it afterwards). Newer maps should not negatively affect the cost of flood

insurance. **Preferred risk** coverage is available in the lower risk zones (B, C and X)

Making a Claim

Some policyholders are concerned that making a claim will cause the cost of insurance to increase and don't report flood damage. This is incorrect. If you have been flooded contact your insurance agent and fully describe all damages to the claims adjuster.

PROPERTY PROTECTION TIPS

Most areas have floodplain regulations which require design and construction techniques aimed at reducing flood damage. Here are some basic principles:

Stay out of the floodplain

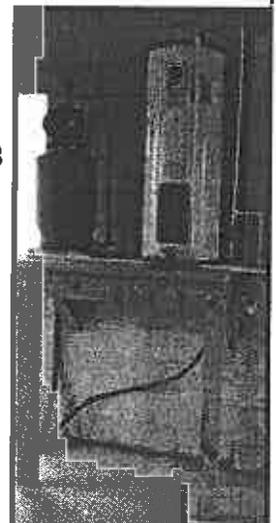
When planning a new home, the surest way to avoid flood damage is to select a location out of the floodplain. Ask your local code enforcement office or county planning department about flood risks before you buy.

Freeboard

If you build in a floodplain, consider building "freeboard" into the foundation of your home. 18 inches of freeboard adds little to the cost of a new home and significantly lowers both flood risk and the cost of flood insurance. Homes in floodplains with basements are at highest risk and expensive to insure.

Utility Protection

Even properly elevated buildings can become damaged or uninhabitable due to flooded utilities. If your HVAC units, hot water heaters and other utilities are located in lower level enclosures they may be vulnerable but often can be relocated to safer locations or elevated on platforms.



Elevated Utilities

National Flood Insurance Program Contacts:

For more information about the NFIP contact your local insurance agent, or the NFIP direct at 1-800-638-6620. Good places to start your online search for floodplain information are www.FEMA.gov or www.floods.org

MEETINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

MAYOR and COUNCIL (regular monthly meeting) - Monday, September 16, 2013 at 6:30 PM. The meeting will be held at the Paul H. Morrill, Jr. Community Center, 250 Fifth Street

HPC (Historic Preservation Commission) Tuesday, September 3rd at 7:00 PM at Town Hall

PC (Planning Commission) Monday, September 9th at 7:00 PM at Town Hall

BOARD OF HEALTH – Wednesday, September 11th at 7:00 PM at Town Hall

DELAWARE CITY DAY COMMITTEE – Thursday, September 12th at 6:00 PM at Town Hall

All meetings are posted at Town Hall, Post Office, Sunset Market, Valero Gas Station, Library and www.delawarecity.delaware.gov. Please check the postings for special meetings, workshops or cancellations.

EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER

Mon, Sept 2nd – Town Hall will be closed for Labor Day

Sat, Sept 7th – Dinner Cruise on the River 5PM. Visit www.destateparks.com then click on Fort Delaware State Park for more info

Sat, Sept 14th - Appetite for Apparitions 5:15 PM. Visit www.destateparks.com then click on Fort Delaware State Park for more info

Fri, Sept 20th – Country Line Dancing at the Fire Hall

Sat, Sept 21st – Dinner Cruise on the River 5PM. Visit www.destateparks.com then click on Fort Delaware State Park for more info

Sat, Sept 21st – British Car Club Show 8 AM-4:30 PM Battery Park

Sat, Sept 21st – Dragon Run's Free Washington, DC Trip

Sat, Sept 28th - Appetite for Apparitions 7:15 PM. Visit www.destateparks.com then click on Fort Delaware State Park for more info

Sat, Sept 28th –Cruise Club with Cool Cars 4:30-8:30 PM Battery Park

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OCTOBER

Sat, Oct 5th- River Towns Ride and Festival- Delaware City and New Castle City Family Festival & Bike Trials
Noon until 5PM (Rain or Shine)

Mon, Oct 14th – Town Hall will be closed for Columbus Day

Sun, Oct. 20th – Basket Bingo 2PM at the Fire Hall

Fri-Sun, Oct 25th -27th – Reedy Point Players Production of *House of the Seven Gables*

Sat, Oct 26th – Dispose of your Unused & Expired Medications-Town Hall Parking Lot 10AM-2PM

Sat, Oct 26th – Dragon Run's Annual Halloween Party 6:30-8:30 PM

Sat, Oct 26th –Cruise Club with Cool Cars 4:30-8:30 PM

*On Friday, September 27th and every weekend (Friday through Sunday) during the month of October Fort Delaware State Park, 45 Clinton Street, will be having Paranormal Adventures. Visit www.destateparks.com then search for Fort Delaware State Park schedule for more information.

FOOD CLOSET

St. Paul's RC Church, First Presbyterian, and Christ Episcopal Churches have formed an ecumenical Bread Broken Food Closet. Each Church will man the food closet for people with an emergency need for food. Starting in Sept, the food closet will be open on the 2nd and last Thurs of each month from 6:30-7:30 pm. Please see the sign on the door at Christ Church parish house at 3rd and Washington for more information.