



CITY NEWS

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HOLIDAY TRASH SCHEDULE

There will be no trash pick-up on Memorial Day, May 25th. Trash will be picked up on Tuesday, May 26th instead. There will be no trash or recycling pick-up on Labor Day, September 7th. It will be picked up on Tuesday, September 8th.

DELAWARE CITY DAY

Mark your calendars!! Delaware City Day is Saturday, July 18, 2015. Anyone interested in volunteering for the best Delaware City Day ever, contact Paul Johnson at nccpj1971@verizon.net. Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at Town Hall at 6:00 PM.

ALL RESIDENTS EAST of FIFTH STREET will need a RESIDENTS' PARKING PERMIT!!! East of Fifth Street will be closed to all traffic on Delaware City Day, July 18, 2015. If you did not get a parking permit previously, you are asked to stop by Town Hall at 407 Clinton Street to obtain a **Free Parking Permit** if you plan on moving your car that day. You will need to show your registration card for all vehicles in your household and a parking permit will be issued for all vehicles for free. Without a permit you will not be able to enter the City from 5PM until after the fireworks. If you still have your parking permit placard from last year it is still good and you will **not** need to reapply.

BUCKLE UP FOR SAFETY & WATCH YOUR SPEED

The Office of Highway Safety and Delaware City Police would like to remind everyone to Buckle Up for Safety.

Be conscience of your speed when driving around Town! Speed Enforcement is in effect. Watch for the posted Speed Limit Signs. Most streets in Delaware City have a speed limit of 25mph and Downtown is 20 mph. School is almost out and our children will be out playing. Make our streets safe for pedestrians.

FREE BIKE HELMETS

The New Castle County Chapter of the Delaware Safe Kids Coalition and the Delaware City Police Department have partnered to distribute free bicycle safety helmets to Delaware City residents ages 18 and under. To obtain a free helmet, a child, accompanied by his/her parent or guardian, must be a resident of Delaware City (proof of residency required), can come to the Delaware City Police Department located in Town Hall, 407 Clinton Street, on any Wednesday or Thursday between the hours of 12:00 noon and 4:30 p.m.

SHREDDING & RECYCLING EVENT

Want to get rid of some of those old electronics and paint cans? Come to the Governor Bacon Parade Grounds at Fort DuPont on May 30, 2015 from 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM. There will be a large shredder so you can shred all your unwanted papers. You can also bring all your old electronic goods to dispose of and any household waste such as paints, cleaners, etc. Remember you cannot put any electronics or household hazardous waste in your regular recycling carts! They must be disposed of in a special way. Keep our Environment Safe!!

PORTABLE TEMPORARY STORAGE UNITS AND DUMPSTERS

The Delaware City Code Enforcement Office would like to remind all property owners that a permit is required for any storage or trash dumpster. In accordance with Chapter 52 Section YY. 302.16 -302.16.3 and Section KKK. 308.3.3 - 308.3.3.4 of the Delaware City Code, Portable Temporary Storage Units (for example, POD's) and Dumpsters are allowed to be placed for 30 days or the time period for which there is an active building permit. They must be set back a minimum of 3 feet from any property line and placed on a hard concrete or asphalt surface. They may displace one or more parking spaces, provided there is adequate on-street parking. There is a \$25 charge for a 30-day permit and \$50 charge for a construction dumpster. The permit will be good for a thirty (30) day time period and must be removed at the end of the time period. Permits can be obtained in the Code Enforcement Office at Town Hall.

The American Legion's Memorial Day Celebration at Veterans Point, May 25th at 10:30 AM. All are welcome!

EVENTS:**MAY**

23 Cruise Club with Cool Cars 4PM, Battery Park

25 Am Legion Memorial Day Celebration 10:30AM, Point

30 Shredding/Recycling Event 8-2, Gov. Bacon Grounds

JUNE

6 Antique Truck Show, 6AM to 3PM, Battery Park

27 Cruise Club with Cool Cars 4PM, Battery Park

Town Hall will be closed Monday, 5-25-15 (Memorial Day) and Friday, 7-3-15 (Independence Day)

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

138 Jefferson St. will be having an open house on Saturday, July 18th from 1:00-3:00 PM. Dale Ringler will be playing the beautiful 19th century pipe organ and Robert Haugh will be speaking about the organ and the 180 year old Church. Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

Please Check out the Delaware City Website at www.delawarecity.delaware.gov for important links and information to articles on various topics relating to Living in the FLOODPLAIN.

Delaware City Fire Company News...

...BJ's Fundraiser-renew or purchase a BJ's membership thru 5-18 and DCFC will receive credit. To get application email Cheryl-cdennis@dcfc15.com or call 302-834-0443. Application must be returned to DCFC for them to get credit.

...May 16 Statewide open house, stop down & take a tour, Marine Department kicking off safe boating week at Battery Park from 10-4.

...May 21-Sub Sale 6-11 AM (or sold out) Call 834-9336 to place order.

...DCFC is excited to host the Cumberland Valley Volunteer Firefighters Assoc. Convention in our Town. More information will follow.

REEDY POINT PLAYERS

The Reedy Point Players will present their final show of their 2014-2015 season, *So There Was This Rat*, written by Sapperstein & Murway and directed by Ruth K. Brown. The performances are on May 15 & 16 at 8PM and May 17 at 2PM. At the Paul H Morrill, Jr. Community Center. Tickets are \$12 (Adults), \$10 (Seniors, Students and Active Military), and \$5 (Ages 10 and under). Tickets can be purchased in advance at <http://reedypointplayers.ticketleap.com/so-there-was-this-rat/> or at the door with **cash only**. For more info visit www.thereedypointplayers.com.



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About the Mandatory Purchase of Flood Insurance

The NFIP: The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is a federal program enabling property owners in participating communities to purchase flood insurance on eligible buildings and contents, whether they are in or out of a floodplain. This community participates in the NFIP, making federally backed flood insurance available to its property owners.

The NFIP insures most walled and roofed buildings that are principally above ground on a permanent foundation, including mobile homes, and buildings in the course of construction. Property owners can purchase building and contents coverage from any local property and casualty insurance agent. To find a local insurance agent that writes flood insurance in your area visit www.floodsmart.gov.

Mandatory Purchase Requirement: Pursuant to the Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 and the National Flood Insurance Reform Act of 1994, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory for all federal or federally related financial assistance for the acquisition and/or construction of buildings in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHAs). An SFHA is defined as any A or V flood zone on a Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).

The mandatory purchase requirement also applies to secured 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 Reserve, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Comptroller of Currency, the Farm Credit Administration, the Office of Thrift Supervision, and the National Credit Union Administration. It further applies to all 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 FEMA disaster assistance.

How it Works: When making, increasing, renewing, or extending any type of federally backed loan, lenders are required to conduct a flood zone determination using the most current FEMA FIRM to determine if any part of the building is located in an SFHA. If the building is in an SFHA, the federal agency or lender is required by law to provide written notification to the borrower that flood insurance is mandatory as a condition of the loan. Even though a portion of real property on which a building is located may lie within an SFHA, the purchase and notification requirements do not apply unless the building itself, or some part of the building, is in the SFHA. However, lenders, on their own initiative, may require the purchase of flood insurance even if a building is located outside an SFHA. Up to 25% of all NFIP flood losses arise from outside SFHAs (B, C, and X Zones).

Under federal regulations, the required coverage must equal 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 of coverage available for a single-family residence is \$250,000 and for non-residential (commercial) buildings is \$500,000. Federal agencies and regulators, including government-sponsored enterprises, such as Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae, may have stricter requirements.

Figure 320-3 A handout about the mandatory purchase of flood insurance.

Stormwater Protection-Article III

If you would not drink it, don't dump it!

Pesticide Use-Part 2

In our last City News, we discussed the problems associated with overuse of chemical pesticides; "cultural" pest control (creating the best conditions for desired plants to grow); biological controls (use of predators, parasites and pathogens); mechanical and chemical control of weeds as well as tips for proper pesticide application.

Handling Pesticide Properly

1. Do not buy more pesticide than you need. Disposal can be a problem.
2. Store pesticides where children and pets cannot get to them.
3. Never dispose of excess pesticides by dumping them on the ground. While pesticides are broken down to non-toxic compounds by microorganisms, excessive amounts applied to soil can "overload" this natural system and contaminate drinking water.
4. Consider sharing leftover pesticides with neighbors. (The pesticides must be in their original containers and registered for use in our area.) If you cannot give it away, apply them later according to label instructions.
5. Never dispose of unwanted pesticides in a ditch, gutter or storm drain. Such practices allow the hazardous chemicals to move directly into canals, streams and lakes where they can harm fish and wildlife. In addition, pesticides dumped down the household drain can kill beneficial organisms that help purify the waste water in treatment plants or a septic system.
6. When a pesticide container is empty, fill it with water three times, each time pouring the rinse water into the spray tank when preparing the final application. Triple-rinsing is important because some chemical residues may remain in a container even though it appears empty.
7. Dispose of empty triple-rinsed containers as instructed on the label. Small containers can be wrapped in layers of newspaper or in a plastic bag and placed in the garbage on the day of pickup. Never burn or bury empty pesticide containers. The fumes from burning pesticide residues can be toxic. Buried containers could leak pesticides into drinking water.

Consider this Principle of Ecology

Everything is linked to everything else. Because of this, pesticides can often have unintended consequences. For example, do not be surprised if songbirds leave your yard after pesticides have been sprayed. Many birds are directly harmed by pesticides; others leave because the insects they feed on have been killed.

Pesticide Application

When pests invade lawns and gardens consider the full range of pest control options. In many cases pesticides will not be necessary. When pesticides must be used, follow label directions carefully to minimize harm to people and beneficial plants and animals.

Source: *Yard Care and the Environment* by the West Valley City Storm Water Utility.