



# CITY NEWS

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## OCTOBER "GOING THE EXTRA MILE"

During the month of October the City will be sponsoring some events that will provide the residents several "Going the Extra Mile" services. Dick Cathcart, the City Manager, will continue to look for events and services that provide that little "Extra" effort that makes our City a little more unique than the other towns and municipalities. Please see the following events that are occurring in October. Please feel free to make suggestions by calling Town Hall at 834-4573.

### HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS/MATERIALS DISPOSAL

**OCTOBER 29th:** In cooperation with the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA), this event gives residents an opportunity to properly dispose of their household chemicals and materials. You can bring the following items to dispose of to the Delaware City Fire Company Parking Lot during the hours of 8AM to 12 NOON: full aerosol cans, bleach. Chemistry kits, nail polish, polish removers, perfumes, disinfectants, drain cleaners, floor wax, mercury thermometers, moth balls, oven cleaners, spot remover, toilet cleaner, fluorescent light bulbs, ammunition, firecrackers, gunpowder, corrosives, paints (other than latex), small compressed-gas cylinders, solvents, stains, strippers, thinners, varnish, wood preservatives, fungicides, herbicides, pesticides, pool chemicals, antifreeze, auto batteries, degreasers, waste fuels-gasoline, kerosene, used motor oil mixed with other fuels. DSWA will also accept Electronic Goods for recycling at all Household Hazardous Waste Events.

Please bring materials in original, sealed containers; do not mix products in one container; to prevent leakage or breakage, pack separately in absorbent material or triple bag; and bring rags to clean up any spills, and dispose of rags at the collection site.

What is **NOT** accepted: friable asbestos, non-friable asbestos, unknown substances, radioactive waste, latex paint, containers with less than 1" of material, and used motor oil.

### "NATIONAL TAKE-BACK INITIATIVE" for Expired, Unwanted, Pharmaceutical Controlled Substances/Medications

**OCTOBER 29th:** In cooperation with the DEA, our Police Department will collect expired, unwanted, unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and prescribed medications, including non-controlled, and over the counter medications. This program is absolutely anonymous and no questions will be asked nor will request for identification be made. Participants will remove any personal information from the bottles or packages that contain pills/capsules and or liquids and place them in a secured disposal container. Police supervision of the disposal container will be present for the entire event. Proper disposal of these drugs and medications keeps the substances out of the hands of the wrong people and protects our environment. Bring the medications to Delaware City Fire Company Parking Lot during the hours of 8AM to 12 NOON.

## DELAWARE CITY TRAILER PARK EVENTS

The following scheduled events are being coordinated with the cooperation of the Delaware City M.H.C. management. It is important to note that all expenses related to the events below will be paid for by Delaware City M.H.C. management. The three events are intended to take a pro-active role in helping the residents of the community to clean up their lots, homes and streets. These events hopefully will be the start of a refreshed sense of pride in the community and will result in similar events in the near future.

Another encouraging effort is the creation of a Home Owners Association. This association will be an organization that is operated by the residence of the community. The purpose is to have a direct role in improving your community and have a direct link of communication with management. There is discussion about organizing a community watch program and other events for the residents. Again, the goal is to re-establish community pride and to be the lead in bringing improvements to the community. There is no cost to join this organization. Please contact Kenna Green at 834-6902 to express your interest to attend an organizational meeting.

### **EVENTS for the Delaware City Trailer Park:**

#### **OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Cleanup Weekend**

The Community Cleanup Day will give residents an opportunity to clean up around their homes and property. There will be a 30 yard construction type dumpster placed in the community in which residents can dump trash and other unwanted items at no cost. This is a great opportunity to get rid of unsightly debris lying around the property. It is the first step in re-establishing community pride.

#### **OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup> Power Wash Weekend**

A power washer will be made available throughout the weekend to borrow and power wash your mobile home. This is a great opportunity to deep clean the exterior of your home and get rid of the dirt and grime that has accumulated over the years. Again, this is another step towards establishing community pride and improves the overall appearance of the community. Please call Kenna Green at 834-6902 to reserve a time on Saturday or Sunday to use the power washer.

#### **NOVEMBER 5<sup>th</sup> Street Sweeper Day**

We will be bringing in a street sweeper to clean up all the streets within the community to eliminate the accumulated sand and small gravel and give the streets a good wash. We will be asking you to get all your vehicles off the streets to allow a complete sweeping. You will receive a reminder about this as we get closer to the date.

**RECYCLING...**Our recycling program is now in full swing. Some housekeeping tips to keep in mind - please make sure you rinse all your cans, bottles and jars. It will help keep your recycling cart clean. Please understand that only the material that fits inside the recycling cart will be picked up. Call 834-4573 for more information.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### OCTOBER

1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Ghost Tours at Fort Delaware  
14, 15, 16, 21, 22 *Edgar Allen Poe The Masquerade* by Reedy Point Players  
22 Delaware City Fire Company Open House 10 AM-2PM  
Cruise Night in the Park  
29 Household Hazard Waste Collection and  
Pharmaceutical Controlled Substances/Medications Collection

### NOVEMBER

6 Hike Across Delaware  
25 Black Friday-Support Delaware City Merchants  
26 Cruise Night

### DECEMBER

15 Silent Auction Fundraiser & Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest  
15-18 *Stocking Stuffers* by Reedy Point Players  
TBD Christmas Parade

## UPCOMING MEETINGS

**MAYOR and COUNCIL** (regular monthly meeting) - Monday, Nov 21, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Delaware City Fire Hall, 815 Clinton Street

**HPC (Historic Preservation Commission)** Tuesday, Nov 1, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall

**PC (Planning Commission)** Monday, Nov 7, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall

**BOARD OF HEALTH** – Wednesday, Nov 9, 2011 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall

**DELAWARE CITY DAY COMMITTEE** – Thursday, Nov 10, 2011 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](http://www.delawarecity.delaware.gov) . Please check the postings for special meetings, workshops or cancellations.

## PHRAGMITES CONTROL EFFORTS

Delaware City working with Delaware Forest Service (DFS) has removed Phragmites from the City. Through a fuel reduction grant with DFS's Urban and Community Forestry Program, the City is helping homeowners battle this highly aggressive plant. Phragmites (*Phragmites australis*) is a non-native, perennial grass that grows up to 12 ft tall. It is an aggressive invader of wetland areas and quickly crowds out native wetland plants. The plant is easily recognized by its large plumed flower head that persists throughout the winter. Thick stands of phragmites pose a significant wildfire threat to communities. During winter months the grass becomes extremely dry and can catch fire easily.

Homeowners with phragmites growing near their homes are encouraged to take the following steps to reduce fire risks:

- Maintain a defensible space of at least 30 ft around your home. This will serve as a firebreak and it will give firefighters room to work. Remove any dead vegetation, such as leaves and pine needles.
- Landscape with fire resistant plants for example, plants with high water retention ability and no highly flammable aromatic oils.
- Don't burn trash or brush. Take it to a local yard waste disposal site
- Keep your lane or driveway open. Remove vegetation that can trap you in or prevent emergency vehicles access.
- Be sure your house number is clearly visible from the road.
- Keep your roof, gutters and deck clear of dead leaves and pine needles.
- Don't stack firewood against your house or under your deck. Don't store gas cans or lawnmowers under your deck.
- Keep your chimney clean- have it checked at least twice a year.

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### HIKE ACROSS DELAWARE

Delaware City will play host to the Wilmington Trail Club's 19th annual "Hike Across Delaware" event on Sunday, November 6, 2011. The event will kick off at 8:30 AM with registration in Battery Park. Participants will be offered a great discount on coffee and snacks at the Riverfront Coffee Shop. At 9 AM the hikers will board buses and be driven to the Maryland state line for the start of the hike. The hike is a 14.7 mile trek on mostly gravel roads along the scenic C&D Canal. The trail will be very well marked with members along the route to provide assistance and direction to the hikers. At the 8 mile midpoint the hikers will be provided water and food items. Transportation will also be provided at this point for those that would like to return to Town. The hike will end in Delaware City where participants will be offered discounts for lunch at Crabby Dicks. At this writing there are more than 100 registered participants. For those interested in participating contact Tom Maddux at 302-824-2874 or [tmaddux@verizon.net](mailto:tmaddux@verizon.net).

### COFFEE WITH THE CITY MANAGER

Due to many requests, Dick Cathcart, the City Manager, has made some changes to the schedule for his popular "Coffee with the City Manager". You can continue to meet Dick for coffee in the mornings on the first Monday of each month from 8:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Now you can also meet with him in the evenings for "Coffee and Dessert with the City Manager" on the third Wednesday of each month from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. Each meeting will take place at the Riverfront Coffee Shop at 58 Clinton Street. These events are a great opportunity to voice your concerns, discuss your ideas and to learn about what's going on in our great City in a very casual and relaxed atmosphere. Dick looks forward to meeting with all of you.

**NOTE...** A "Paper Document Shredding" event was scheduled for October 28th, however, the vendor cancelled a few days ago because of an unanticipated shortage in trucks. We are working with the vendor to reschedule this event in December or early January.