Manager’s Message

As we all prepare to welcome Fall I enter my fourth month as your City Manager and the first thought that comes to mind is how happy I am to have the opportunity to serve this community during its exciting time of growth. I also share that the welcoming I have received from our citizens, Mayor and Council, city staff, various committees and businesses has been heartwarming.

You might say I had to hit the ground running with the town’s largest event occurring six weeks after my arrival and yes, I had some busy early weeks, but I wouldn’t have it any other way. It gave me the opportunity to get to know more people and town logistics in a shorter period, while seeing how we can pull together to make an event a success.

As I continue to better familiarize myself with our organization, and the challenges and opportunities we are facing as a community, I welcome your engagement and outreach. Delaware City is a gem! Below is a morning coffee spot that I often gift myself before starting the day!

All My Best,
Carol Houck
DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY

All of us at the Delaware City Fire Co. hope you had a safe and enjoyable summer. As the summer season winds down, I wanted to share a few things with you that will be taking place over the next couple months.

As you may already know, October is Fire Prevention Month in the State of Delaware. We will also be holding our annual open house during the month of October. As the details are finalized, we will make them available on social media, our digital sign, and through communications with Town Hall. Daylight savings time also ends on November 5th this year. When the clocks are set back, we encourage everyone to check the batteries in their smoke detectors and CO alarms. If anyone needs assistance with either device, you can call us at 834-9336 and we will be more than happy to assist.

I also wanted to remind everyone that we are always looking for new members. We start accepting members into our cadet program at the age of 14. Although our core function is Fire, Rescue, and EMS, you don’t necessarily need to be active to become part of our company. We have a broad range of tasks that are needed to support the operations of this department and it requires people from all walks of life with various backgrounds and experiences.

I believe that most people don’t fully understand what we do and what opportunities are available through the fire company. Some of those things I will list below but the most satisfying is obviously the chance to give back to your community. We offer free training, a State pension after a ten year vesting period, scholarship opportunities, networking with various professionals and organizations around the State, and unique opportunities for anyone considering a career in the medical or fire related fields.

We also take pride in being a very close knit family based organization with a history dating back over 130 years. We enjoy various outings together including; Phillies and Eagles games, skiing and tubing in the Poconos, picnics, cruises, Holiday parties, trips to the beach, and many members often vacation and travel together due to the relationships they have forged over the years.

If you would like to learn more, or inquire about more specific opportunities within our department, we would love to show you around. Feel free to stop by anytime as we have staffing in the building all times unless we’re responding to an emergency.

Respectfully,

Paul H Johnson, Sr., President

RIVERTOWNS RIDE & FESTIVAL

Saturday, September 16th from 11:30-5PM 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! There will be 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 and Delaware City Scarecrow Making Too! For more information go to: RiverTownsFestival.com.

Anybody doing any closet cleaning?? In association with the Rivertowns Ride & Festival...Delaware City will offer a Scarecrow making event and donations will benefit our Delaware City PAL program! If you are disposing of old pants and long sleeve shirts, drop them off at Town Hall by Friday morning, September 15th! Thanks for your help!!

REEDY POINT PLAYERS

The Reedy Point Players will return to the Delaware City stage in October with their Halloween inspired production, Dracula in Love! Performances are 2 nights only, October 27 & 28 at 8 PM. Tickets are cash only at the door. For more information about tickets, please see their website at: http://www.thereedypoinplayers.com Next up will be their December production, The Game’s Afoot or Holmes For The Holidays, that will perform December 15, 16, & 16.

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

The Delaware City Police would like to remind everyone that Oct. 28, 2017 is “National Drug Take Back Day”. Anyone wishing to drop off their unused or expired medications for safe disposal may do so 9:00AM to noon at the Police Department. You may also drop off your pet’s medications.

ATTENTION PET OWNERS!!! The Police Department has created a “pet registry” to help us identify your dog/cat in the event they are lost. Please bring in a photo of your pet (or we will be happy to take the picture for you if you don’t have one) and we will put it in the registry along with your pet’s name and a short description and your contact information. Since we started the registry, we have been very successful in reuniting owners with their pets!
**Thursday, August 17, 2017** – Delaware City celebrated the unveiling and dedication of the Historical Marker for the African Union Church! Senator Poore, Mayor Green and Deputy Mayor Malinowski were in attendance along with our dedicated citizens that helped to bring the marker to our town.

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**(302)STOPPIT Water Pollution Hotline**

New Castle County, the City of Wilmington, and the Delaware Department of Transportation have established the (302) STOPPIT water pollution hotline for residents to report pollution going into or coming out of the storm sewer system.

When Delaware City residents see evidence that someone has dumped chemicals or debris into the storm sewer system, here’s what they can do:

- Visit [www.302STOPPIT.org](http://www.302STOPPIT.org) and fill out an online form
- Call or send a text message to (302) STOPPIT (302.786.7748) with the location and details
- Email hotline@302STOPPIT.org with the location and details.

The storm drains that line streets and parking lots connect to the storm sewer system and eventually reach local streams and rivers. For this reason, it is illegal for anyone to dispose of motor oil, household chemicals, yard waste, pet waste, or any other materials in storm drains and storm sewers. The partners will investigate all tips from residents and take appropriate action, which may include containment, cleanup, and issuing citations. If you don’t want to drink it, it doesn’t belong in the storm sewer system.

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**The Delaware City Mayor and Council supported a Proclamation in Honor and Recognition of National Airborne Day which is celebrated on August 16th each year. Additionally, in Delaware City, the day has been celebrated by former Airborne members with a luncheon and great comradery at Kathy’s restaurant with coordination handled by Brigadier General Wiley. Mayor Green, Councilwoman Titus and City Manager Houck were honored to attend and present the Proclamation on behalf of Mayor and Council this year.**

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**DELAWARE CITY TURNS THE TOWN TEAL- FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER!**

In recognition of National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month and to promote greater awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms. Please visit [www.deovariancancer.org](http://www.deovariancancer.org) Know the symptoms!

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**The 5th Street Bridge** opened this spring after its rehabilitation project! On Sunday, June 11th, DelDOT and the Delaware City Fire Department, with support from Senator Poore and Representative Longhurst named the bridge in honor of fallen Delaware City paramedic Michelle N. Smith.

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**The Delaware Distance Classic** will take place here in Delaware City on October 8th! Now in its 3rd year here in our town, the event has been supporting our community including funds for our playground upgrades and the Delaware City Fire Department. The 2017 event contribution will be used to assist with the purchase of school supplies for Delaware City Children through our PAL program!
ON GOING EVENTS
Sun. 9-3, 9-17, 10-1, 10-15 at 1 PM: PAWS for Reading (read to a therapy dog!). Registration requested.
Tues. 9-12, 10-10 at 6:30 PM: Reading Rainbow Story Hour: Take a look, it's in a book! Watch 2 episodes of reading rainbow, blankets and stuffed animals welcome!
Tues. 9-19, 10-17 at 6:30 PM: Pub Trivia at Lewinsky's. Come to Lewinsky's on Clinton for a themed trivia night. Adults.
Tues. 9-26, 10-24 at 6:45 PM: Delaware City Reading Group. Discuss this month’s book selection.
Wed. 9-27, 10-25 at 6 PM: Teen Night. Teens will enjoy music, games, crafts, and refreshments.
Wed. 9-20, 10-17 at 5:30 PM: Recent Release Wednesday. Screen a recently released film at the library. Light refreshments provided. Call the library for titles.
Thurs. 9-7, 9-21, 10-5, 10-19 at 4 PM: Children will listen to a story time, followed by a themed craft.
Sat. 9-16, 10-21 at 2 PM: LEGO Club. Ages 7-12.

SPECIAL EVENTS
Sun. 9-10 at 12:30 PM: Autumn Collage Making. Create an autumn themed collage from paper leaves, cardstock, and recycled magazines and newspaper. Adults. Registration required.
Mon. 9-25 at 2 PM: Flu Shots: Walgreens will be administering flu shots for all ages at the library. Valid photo ID and insurance card required. If not covered by insurance, cost is $25.99, payable by check.
Thurs. 9-28 at 6 PM: Speed Dating with a Banned Book. Celebrate Banned Book Week with a speed dating style game to find a new read. Light refreshments provided. Adults.
Sat. 9-30 at 1 PM: S.T.R.E.A.M. @ the Library: Pets: - This S.T.R.E.A.M. @ the Library is also a Brandywine Valley SPCA event. We will be learning about pets and the best ways to care for them. All Ages.
Wed. 10-11 at 6 PM: Fall Beauty Products Make-and-Take. Make your own exfoliating sugar scrub and soothing lip balm. Adults. Registration is required.
Sun 10-15 at 1 PM: Paws Howl-een. This special Halloween themed Paws event features 2 adorable service dogs in costume and a special treat for participants. All ages. Registration required.
Wed. 10-18 at 5:30 PM: Murder Mystery Whodunit—You Only Die Once! Participate in a heart racing murder mystery at the library! Victorian Vanities, a Philadelphia based organization comes to Delaware City to bring this event to life. Props and costumes are provided. Adults. Registration required.
FLOOD INSURANCE

Requirements

FLOODPLANE PERMIT

Requirements

Floodplain Permits are required for new construction, building alterations, and other changes to existing structures that may increase the risk of flooding. The requirements are designed to ensure that the new structures are built in a way that minimizes the risk of damage from flooding.

Flood insurance is required for all properties located in flood zones. The insurance provides coverage for damage caused by flooding, including damage to buildings, property contents, and personal property.

Property Protection

Measures

Improvements

Information

Floodplain regulations aim to protect property owners from the costs of flooding. By following the regulations and taking steps to improve the property, owners can reduce their risk of damage and save money on insurance premiums.

Flood Safety

Floods are a natural disaster that can cause significant damage to property and personal property. It is important to take steps to protect your property and yourself in case of a flood.

City of Dee spray

FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Dee River City Floodplain Map

The Dee River City Floodplain Map is used to determine the flood risk of a property. The map shows the floodplain areas and indicates the areas that are at risk of flooding.

If you are unsure about the flood risk of your property, you can contact the City of Dee River for more information.

Flood Insurance

Flood insurance is required for all properties located in flood zones. It is important to have flood insurance to protect your property and personal property from the costs of flooding.
ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

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www.delewarecitydelaware.gov by a link on our home page. Delaware City’s website, www.delewarecitydelaware.gov, provides detailed information about the city, its services, and its history. If you have any questions or concerns, you can visit www.delewarecitydelaware.gov or contact the Delaware City Public Library at (302) 834-4753.

Additional Information

To access flood maps and other information, you can visit the FEMA website, www.fema.gov, or contact the Delaware City Public Library at (302) 834-4753. For more detailed information, please contact the Delaware City Public Library at (302) 834-4753.

FUNCTIONS

FEMA provides a wide range of services and programs to residents of Delaware. These services include emergency management, disaster recovery, and community development. FEMA’s website, www.fema.gov, provides comprehensive information about these services and how to access them.

Natural & Beneficial

Floodproofing plays a vital role in protecting our natural environment and promoting beneficial ecological functions. Floodproofing involves modifying existing structures, such as buildings and roads, to reduce their susceptibility to flooding.

Maintenance System

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CODE ENFORCER'S CORNER

As summer winds down and we say goodbye to the blistering temperatures and welcome the cooler days, the weather presents a good time to get outside and tackle those outdoor projects. Fall is not only a good time for planting, but also a great time to build! Keep in mind that permits are required for any addition, structural repair, a shed in excess of 180 sq. ft., a new driveway or expansion of an existing driveway, and any new HVAC, plumbing or electrical work. If you're not sure whether or not your project requires a permit, please contact Town Hall, 834-4573 prior to commencing work. The Building Official has regular hours at Town Hall on Wednesdays from 9:30-12, or by appointment. Inspections are available M-F between the hours of 8-4.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU...to the Love of Christ Church for volunteering to restore and paint the Fourth Street Pump House. Thanks again for your generosity and hard work in helping our Community.

HYDRANT FLUSHING The hydrant flushing will take place from Mon, Sept 25th through Sept. 29th. Water in the system remains treated during the flushing and slightly discolored water is still safe to consume. However, it is recommended that customers open their COLD water taps until the water runs clear. Avoid turning on hot water taps until the water runs clear to prevent discolored water from getting into the hot water heater. The hydrant flushing program is performed every year and helps keep the distribution system clear of mineral deposits. It also allows all fire hydrants to be tested and repaired if necessary. The flushing will be performed by employees of Artesian Water Company on behalf of the City. If you encounter some staining of laundry, stain remover powder is available at Town Hall that may be able to help.

DRAGON RUN

Position available: Dragon Run Park Commission is presently accepting applications for the position of Treasurer. Please submit current resume to: Pam Collacchi, 611 Madison St., P.O. Box 297, Delaware City, DE 19706

LIONS CLUB NEWS

On Sunday, August 13th Delaware City Lions Club (DE), in partnership with LabCorp (a national diagnostic testing company), held their 2nd Annual Back to School Back Pack Drive for local children in front of Delaware City Fire Company. The Back Pack Drive was advertised throughout the community and on social media for one month prior. This year’s drive surpassed last year’s figure of 86. A total of 143 filled back packs were distributed. Free hot dogs and drinks were also provided. A big ‘thank you’ to members of all three organizations who helped to make this event a success.

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