



CITY NEWS

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**TOWN HALL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
OCTOBER 14TH, 2019**
In observance of
Columbus Day

SEPT 2019

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2019

FESTIVAL RIDE VENDORS SPONSORS

**RIVER TOWNS
Fall Festival**
Celebrating Historic New Castle and Historic Delaware City

The seventh annual River Towns Ride & Festival is a one-day joint festival held between the two historic Delaware waterfront towns of New Castle and Delaware City. There is no admission fee in either town and a complimentary shuttle bus can transport you between towns. This year's event will be held from noon-5pm on Saturday, October 5th. The traditional River Towns Bike Ride begins at 11am.

Festival activities include live music, rides, attractions, games, tours, vendors, food and drink.



SCHOOL BUS SAFETY!
The passing of a stopped school bus with its **Red** lights activated is a

Violation of De



**SPECIAL MAYOR & COUNCIL MEETING
OPEN FOR THE PUBLIC**

PRESENTATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR WATER SYSTEM!

SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2019 at 6:30 P.M.
DELAWARE CITY FIRE HALL



DRAGON RUN COMMUNITY PARK



Dragon Run Community Park will sponsor its Annual Halloween Party on
Saturday October 26 from 6–8 p.m.



CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Christ Episcopal Church will hold a Healing Service at 10:15 Sunday Morning, September 8, 2019. All are welcome! Special music composed by Monks in France will be featured, Known as Taize, this music is very relaxing and conducive to meditation. In the hustle and bustle of every day life, this healing service offers an opportunity to sit quietly and regroup. Pastor Arlene will offer Anointing with Oil for those who wish for such a calming and spiritual gesture.

Additional healing services will be held on the fifth Sunday of each month!

ST. PAULS CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. Paul reminds residence about the Federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program administrated by Catholic Charities. This program provides home heating assistance (electric, oil, propane, and gas) during the winter months for low income individuals or families whether you are renters or homeowners. Eligibility is based on gross monthly income one person \$2,024; two people \$2,744; three people \$3,464; four people \$4,184; five people \$4,904 and six people \$5,624. Applications are now being taken by calling Catholic Charities a(302) 654-9295 to set-up an appointment.



EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Friends & Family Day — Sunday, October 12, 2019

Please join us at Ebenezer United Methodist Church located at 309 Clinton Street, for our Annual Friends & Family Day!

Church services start at 10:10 A.M. along with Sunday School for the kids!

Light refreshments will be provided after our church services! We hope to see you there!

MEETINGS

Mayor & Council:

Monday, Sept 16th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, October 21st at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, November 18th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Planning Commission:

Monday, October 7th at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, November 4th at 6:30 p.m.

Monday, December 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Delaware City
Town Hall

Historic Preservation Commission:

Tuesday, October 1st at 7 p.m.

Tuesday November 5th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday December 3rd at 7 p.m.

Council Chambers, Delaware City
Town Hall

**in the event a Public Hearing is scheduled on the agenda, Mayor & Council Meeting will begin at 6 p.m.*




If you wish to be on the Planning Commission's or Historic Preservation Commission's agenda, please contact Town Hall at least ten (10) days before the meeting date. 302 834-4573

Agendas for all meetings are posted at Town Hall, Post Office, Sunset Market, Valero Station and Library & www.delawarecity.delaware.gov

DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY EVENTS



- 10/6 – Open House – 1PM to 3PM – come check us out – bounce house, face painting, Sparky, Wellness Agencies, food and more.
- 10/13 – Coach Bingo – \$25 for 20 games. Doors open at noon; play begins at 1PM. 
- 9/26 – Fundraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings (Middletown & Bear locations) – flyers available at the firehouse.



SAFETY REMINDERS FROM YOUR FIRE COMPANY!

Make sure you have working smoke detectors. If you need a smoke detector contact Delaware City Fire Co.




Delaware City Events for September and October 2019

The Delaware City Library is looking to build our base of Substitute Library Aides! Our subs work on an as-needed basis, performing standard circulation tasks (including check-in/check-out of library materials, shelving, and assisting patrons) and/or help with special projects! Availability for evening hours and weekends is preferred, but all are welcome to apply. For more info, visit <https://delawarecity.lib.de.us/subs>.

Pub Trivia – A monthly trivia night held at Crabby Dicks Fort Delaware. Contact the library for this month's theme. September 17th, October 15th. 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Adults 21+.




 **Art in the Library**- Learn a new art medium each month at this recurring art program for adults. Contact the library for this month's theme. September 8th, 13th. 1 – 2:30 PM. Adults. Registration required.



PAWS for People- Read to a cuddly service dog or make up a story. This is great way to acclimate children to public speaking and annunciating while bonding with an animal. Held on the first and third Saturday's of the month, 1-2 PM. All ages welcome.

Teen Foodcrafters- Teens learn the basics of cooking by creating simple but delicious food. Contact the library for this month's theme. September 23rd, October 23rd, 6-7 PM. Ages 12-17.



 **Fall Felting Class**- We are joined by fiber artist Sarah Dressler, who offers a fall themed beginners felting class. Create an autumnal felt project! Learn basic patterning, cutting and hand sewing. September 22nd, 12:30-2:30 PM. Adults. Registration Required.

Give Local Honey a Chance- Celebrate Peace Week Delaware by learning about the ecological, culinary, and medicinal benefits of local honey. Afterwards, enjoy a tasting of local honey. We welcome back the Delaware Beekeepers for this program. September 26th, 6-7 PM. All ages.



Diversity in Latin America- Celebrate the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month by learning about the different cultures within Latin America. Latin American history, anthropology, geography, language and music disciplines will be blended to present the diversity among the many counties that make up Latin America. The presentation combines images of people and places, as well as music and ways of expression through dance. September 30th, 6-7 PM. All ages.



Discovering Fossils- Learn how fossils were formed, and see real fossils and petrified wood. Each child will make a model dinosaur skeleton to take home. Presented by the Delaware Aerospace Education Foundation. October 24th, 5-6 PM. All ages.

Trick or Treat at the Library- Add the library to your trick or treat route! The library will be handing out treat bags to costumed patrons. Allergen-friendly treats will be available. All ages. 3-8 p.m.



For additional programs at the library please visit our website at <http://delawarecity.lib.de.us> or like us on Facebook!

DELAWARE CITY YARD SALE



FALL
TOWN WIDE YARDSALE!

SUNDAY
OCTOBER 6TH, 2019

Starts at 8:00 A.M

MAIN STREET DELAWARE CITY

Main Street Delaware City will be hosting a
Classic Car Show
on September 28, 2019 from 2:00 to 5:00 in Battery Park
-Weather permitting-



DELAWARE CITY COMMUNITY CENTER

Learn the basics of breathing and poses. Bring your body, mind and spirit into harmony and ease your tensions.

Bring a mat, towel and water.

Class cost is a \$6.00 Drop-in fee.

September-November 9am -10am

Starting Monday's

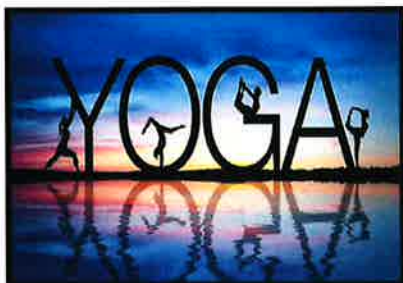
September 16, 23,30

October 7, 21, 28

November 4, 18,25

Classes will be held in

Delaware City Community Center.



FLOOD HAZARD AREAS

Delaware City is vulnerable to coastal storms and flooding. A significant percentage of the town is located within the FEMA defined 1% chance flood plain. These areas are noted as Zone AE on the FEMA flood map and are particularly susceptible to flooding.

Flood-flooding is the general type of flooding caused by the Canal. For Delaware City, flooding will occur if there is a storm surge or if two or more high tides take place without an intervening ebb tide.

Information on whether your property is in the AE (1% chance) floodplain can be obtained by coming into Town Hall and we can help you. Maps are available to look at as well as other flood-related information. You can contact Town Hall at (302) 834-4573 for further assistance. You can also visit our website at www.delawarecity.delaware.gov and click on the Floodplain link.

FLOOD SAFETY

The following common sense guidelines can help you from the dangers of flooding:

- Do not drive through a flooded area. More people drown in cars than any where else. Do not drive around barriers.
- Do not walk through flowing water. Currents can be deceptive. Six inches of water can knock you off your feet.
- Stay away from power lines and electrical wires. If your house is about to be flooded, turn off the power at the service box. Electrical current can travel through water. Electrocutation is the 2nd leading cause of death during floods.
- Be alert to gas leaks. Turn off the gas to your house before it floods. If you smell gas, report it to your gas company. Do not use candles, lanterns or open flames if you smell gas or are unsure if your gas has been shut off.
- Keep children away from the flood waters, ditches, culverts and storm drains. Flood waters can carry unimaginable items that have dislodged themselves.

Culverts may suck smaller people into them rendering them helpless.

- Clean everything that has been wet. Flood water will be contaminated with sewage and other chemicals which pose severe health threats.
- Look out for animals, especially snakes. Small animals that have been flooded out of their home may seek shelter in yours.
- Do not use gas engines, such as generators, or charcoal fires in doors during power outages. Carbon monoxide exhaust can pose serious health hazards.

PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

If your property is susceptible to flooding, there are many flood damage reduction measures you can employ. Watertight seals can be applied to brick and blockwalls to protect against low-level flooding. Utilizes such as heating and air conditioning systems, water heaters and other major appliances can be elevated to higher floors in the structure or

on raised platforms.

Temporary measures such as moving furniture and other valuables to higher floors or sandbagging exterior openings will also help.

Elevating or relocating the entire structure may also be a feasible option.

DELAWARE CITY FLOOD INFORMATION

FLOODPLAIN PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

All development within the AE floodplain (1% chance) (not just construction of buildings, but filling, excavation, fences, etc.) is required to obtain a Delaware City Building and Floodplain Permit. Applications must be made prior to doing any work in a floodplain area. Please contact Town Hall to receive all the information you will need in order to properly develop in the floodplain at (302) 834-4573. You may report any illegal development activities to the above number as well.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT/DAMAGE

The NFIP requires that if the cost of improvements to a building or the cost to repair damages (from any cause) to a building exceeds 50% of the market value of the building (excluding land value), the entire building must be brought up to current floodplain management standards. Building improvement projects include exterior and interior remodeling, rehabilitation, additions and repairs and reconstruction projects. Please contact Town Hall at (302) 834-4573 for further information.

FLOOD INSURANCE

If you do not have flood insurance, talk to your insurance agent. Most homeowner's insurance policies do not cover damage from floods. Flood insurance is only available to those participating communities in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Because of our floodplain management programs that attempt to protect us from the multiple flooding hazards, Delaware City is part of the NFIP and thus, residents are able to obtain flood insurance. Additionally, because Delaware City participates in FEMA's CRS program, flood insurance premiums are discounted.

Be sure to check your policy to ensure you have adequate coverage. Usually these policies cover the building structure, but not the contents. Contents coverage can also be obtained by asking. There is a 30-day waiting period before flood insurance coverage becomes effective. Plan ahead; do not wait until a flood is predicted before purchasing flood insurance. If you are building inside the floodplain, the purchase of flood insurance is mandatory if using a federally regulated/insured bank for a loan.

NATURAL & BENEFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Floodplains play a valuable role in providing natural and beneficial functions to the area around, and including, Delaware City. Floodplains that are relatively undisturbed provide a wide range of benefits to both human and natural systems. These benefits provide aesthetic pleasure as well as function to provide active processes such as filtering nutrients. Parts of both the Old Canal and Dragon Run floodplain are used as a means to filter farm chemical run-off so that these areas can maintain bio-diversity and ecosystem sustainability. Both floodplains contain historic and archeological sites that provide opportunity for education and study. Both enhance waterfowl, fish and other wildlife habitats and provide

feeding/breeding grounds. And lastly, both floodplains provide natural erosion control and open space so further flooding damage does not occur.

DRAINAGE SYSTEM MAINTENANCE

As simple as it may sound, simply keeping smaller ditches and streams free of debris can dramatically improve the run-off capacity of low-lying areas, as well as greatly reduce the occurrence blockage that significantly contributes to flooding. It is illegal to dump materials into a required waterway and violators may be fined. If you see someone in the act of dumping or see debris in one of our watercourses, please contact Town Hall at (302) 834-4573.

FLOOD WARNING SYSTEM

Many times, flooding along the Old Canal and Dragon Run within Delaware City can be predicted days in advance, giving ample warning for preparation and evacuation. However, in the event of a flash flood due to a large rain event, you may be the first to notice the oncoming situation and have only hours to execute your plan. If you have already done so, sign up for CODE RED to receive an automated phone call or text message, your choice. You can sign up for the CODE RED program at <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNEB/FP3467E3FC5> follow the instructions.

Notify the Police Department at 302-836-6344/Fire Department at 302-834-9336 if you are in need of help. Tune your radio to WFLD - 88.1 FM for local and National Weather Service Updates. You will also see regular interruption on local radio and television stations advising you of the situation.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

If you should require further or more detailed information regarding flood-related issues in Delaware City, here are some additional sources:

FEMA.gov

FloodSmart.gov

Delaware City Town Hall (302) 834-4573

407 Clinton Street

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Floodplain on the City's website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov by a link or our Home Page or under Community/Public Service.

Delaware City Public Library

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE

Delaware City participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Properties in the AE flood plain are subject to regulation under the Delaware City Flood Plain Ordinance (Chapter 48 of the City Code), which meets FEMA requirements for the NFIP. These regulations are designed to save lives and reduce property losses when flooding occurs. Without access to the NFIP, property owners would find flood insurance to be prohibitively expensive, if available at all. Special rules apply for development in the flood plain, including minimum floor elevation and hydrostatic venting of foundations. A FEMA elevation certificate is required for all new construction and "significant improvements" in the flood zone. In addition, no filling or grading may take place within the flood plain without a permit from the City. You can come to Town Hall, 407 Clinton Street, to get an Elevation Certificate application and instructions on how to fill it out or you can visit

www.delawarecity.delaware.gov or www.fema.gov. Any resident in need of a copy of the elevation certificate for flood insurance for their residence can check with Town Hall to see if there is one on file prior to contacting an engineer or surveyor.



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The Town of Delaware City is participating for the Fifth year in a National Campaign to create awareness of ovarian cancer and its symptoms. Volunteers Turn The Towns Teal by tying Teal Bows to the light poles in the historic district. This Ovarian Cancer Awareness initiative annually takes place in September, National Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month. The Delaware Ovarian Cancer Foundation, an all-volunteer organization, sponsors this Campaign in its efforts to help save more women's lives through its mission of increasing awareness and education, raising funds for research, and helping women diagnosed with ovarian cancer. This Turn the Towns Teal initiative gives ovarian cancer survivors a voice, and the volunteers who have lost a loved one to this disease are proud to do something proactive in memory of their loved one.

The Teal bows are the VISUAL, the educational brochures listing symptoms are the KEY and are available at local merchants and the summer Concerts, providing additional information for women. There is still NO Test for ovarian cancer so knowledge of the vague symptoms is crucial. The symptoms are vague and if persist more than 2 weeks, should be discussed with a physician. Bloating, Pelvic or abdominal pain, Difficulty eating or feeling full quickly, Urinary symptoms (frequency or urgency), They mimic other conditions, thus are extremely difficult to diagnose. All women are at risk, affecting 1 in 70 females of any age. Due to late diagnoses (less than 20% are diagnosed early) and a high recurrence rate (70-90%) it is the deadliest of the gynecologic cancers.

Turn The Towns Teal was coordinated by Delaware Ovarian Cancer Foundation VP, Sally Oberle, who lost her sister Sidney to ovarian cancer and volunteers in her memory. Residents are encouraged join the awareness campaign by tying a teal ribbon on their mailboxes to show support for this Ovarian Cancer Awareness Campaign. Other signs of support can be displayed by wearing teal on Teal Tuesdays, teal hair extensions, teal Awareness bands, teal ribbon car magnets and polishing nails as teal "tips and toes." Volunteers to DOCF are always welcome!

For more information on Turn The Towns Teal Campaign, contact Sally Oberle, DOCF Vice President & Turn The Towns Teal Coordinator, 463-3800, sally.oberle@comcast.net or on the Delaware Ovarian