



Delaware City Town
Hall
407 Clinton Street
(302) 834-4573

Mayor:

Paul H. Johnson, Sr

Council Members:

Robert Malinowski
Beth Konkus
Chase Renoll
John Buchheit
Megan Titus

City Manager:

David Baylor

Chief of Police:

David Baylor

**Delaware City
Directory**

**Police Department
(302) 836-6344**

**Delaware City Fire Hall
(302) 834-9336**

**Post Office
(302) 834-4716**

**Library
(302) 834-4148**

**Fire Hall Rental
(302) 392-1783**

**Park Building Rental
(302) 834-0662**

Town Hall will be
CLOSED
On
January 20, 2020
In Observance of
Martin Luther King Day

CITY NEWS

www.delawarecity.delaware.gov

Jan 2020

NOTICE

YOU MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR A REDUCTION ON YOUR CITY PROPERTY TAX AND WATER RATES

With certain household income limitations, you may be eligible for a reduction on your city property tax and water rates during fiscal year 2021. (Beginning July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021)

The household income, excluding Social Security and disability pension, is limited to:

Single Applicant:	\$20,000
Married Applicants:	\$25,000 (combined income)
Household:	\$25,000 (total household income)

You may be eligible if you were 65 years of age or a disabled resident on SSI and have owned your current residence for one (1) year, by December 31, 2019, and your income does not exceed the limits above.

1. You must submit the following documents with your application: Copy of Federal Tax Form (1040) for 2019. *If you do not file a Federal Tax Form, you must submit: a copy of 2019 Social Security Benefit Statements, a copy of 2019 interest statements, and a copy of 2019 pension statements if applicable.*
2. Proof of income for all household residents over 18 years old
3. *Certificate of Insurance Award if disabled*
4. Proof of age and address (Matching items 1-3 above) shall be presented. These include
5. Picture ID, License, or Birth Certificate for homeowner applying for discount.

Applications for Exemptions are available at Town Hall. If you need assistance filling out the application please feel free to stop by Town Hall, and we will be glad to assist you. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM.

PLEASE NOTE: This application form and the required documents must be submitted every year to demonstrate continued eligibility.

Deadline for Filing: April 15, 2020

Posted: January 6, 2020 Town Hall, Post Office, Sunset Market, Delaware City Valero, and Library

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ELECTION 2019

A MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE DELAWARE CITY LIBRARY

250 FIFTH STREET, IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020, BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 12 NOON AND 8:00 P.M.

TO ELECT THREE (3) COUNCILMEMBERS FOR A TERM OF TWO (2) YEARS EACH.

THE LAST DATE FOR FILING AS A COUNCILMEMBER IS MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020, BY 4:30 PM.

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE POSTING FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO RUN FOR MAYOR AND/OR COUNCIL.

PLEASE SEE SEPARATE POSTING FOR QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE IN THE CITY ELECTION. STATE REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTION 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE APRIL 7, 2020 ELECTION IS NECESSARY, BY MARCH 9, 2020. YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE AT TOWN HALL, 407 CLINTON STREET OR AT Ivote.de.gov.

THE LAST DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL AS A CANDIDATE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020, BY 4:30 PM.

**LETTERS OF CANDIDACY OR WITHDRAWAL MUST BE FILED WITH THE CITY SECRETARY AT TOWN HALL DURING THE HOURS:
MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

APPLICATIONS TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE MONDAY, MARCH 9, 2020. ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY, MARCH 20, 2020.

LAST DATE TO REQUEST APPLICATION TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020 BY 4:30 PM.

LAST DATE TO RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2020 BY 8:00PM. IF RETURNING ON APRIL 7, 2020, YOU MUST DROP IT OFF AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM IN THE LIBRARY, 250 FIFTH STREET.

ANYONE WISHING TO REVIEW THE CITY CHARTER OR ORDINANCES REGARDING THE ABOVE MAY DO SO AT THE CITY HALL DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS OR ON THE CITY'S WEBSITE:

www.delawarecity.delaware.gov .

ELECTION INFORMATION



QUALIFICATIONS FOR MAYOR AND COUNCILPERSON

Any qualified voter of the City of Delaware City

1. Who is a qualified voter at least eighteen (18) years of age.
2. The “qualified voter” as used herein shall mean a person who is a registered voter with State of Delaware at the time that his/her nominating petition is filed.
3. Who is a United States Citizen.
4. Who has not been convicted of a felony as that crime is designated by the State of Delaware.
5. Who has established one (1) year residency in the City at the time their nominating petition is filed by furnishing identification and proof of residency.

ELECTION VOTER QUALIFICATIONS



Every person:

1. Who maintains their permanent place of residence within the City limits of Delaware City.
2. Who has reached the age of eighteen (18) years.
3. Who is a citizen of the United States.
4. Who is registered to vote under the State of Delaware’s voter registration system maintained by the Department of Elections at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the Election.
5. Who can prove the foregoing information by proper identification.

You can register to vote at ivote.de.gov and follow the instructions to register to vote. If you do not have a computer, you can come to Town Hall, 407 Clinton Street, during normal business hours (Mon-Fri 8:30-4:30) and we will help you register.

Mayor & Council:

Monday, January 27th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

Monday, February 17th at 6:30* p.m.
Delaware City Fire Company

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

Planning Commission:

Monday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m.

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

Monday, April 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Council Chambers, Delaware City
Town Hall

Historic Preservation Commission:

Tuesday, February 4th at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 2nd at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, April 7th 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

DELAWARE CITY FIRE COMPANY EVENTS



1/29 – Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser to Benefit the Delaware City Fire Company. 3PM – 10PM. Flyer must be presented and can be downloaded from the fire company Facebook page or picked up at the firehouse.

12/9 – Pet Food Drive @ DCFC 9AM – 11AM – Benefits the Brandywine Valley SPCA – New Castle location.

12/9 – Kors & Coach Bingo @ 1pm, DCFC Hall. Doors open at noon.
\$25 for 20 games, \$10 for an additional 20 games.

All sales are when doors open at Noon.

There is no pre-registration or entrance tickets sold in advance.

You must be 18 years or older to enter and play.

FLOOD HAZARD

Delaware City is vulnerable to coastal storms and flooding from the Delaware River, the C&D Canal, and the Dragon Run. Flash-flooding is the general type of flooding in 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. It is very hard to judge just how deep flood waters are, so **Turn around, don't drown!**



Delaware City has the program CODE Red. Register your information with the organization known as Code RED and you will be notified of any natural disaster such as floods, hurricanes and other weather related emergencies, in addition, notification for all hazardous events. It is as easy as going to the link below and following the instructions. <https://public.coderedweb.com/CNE/BF93467E3FC5>. In the case of an evacuation order, designate a place where your family can meet. Visit our website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov for tips on how to prepare for an emergency.

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 insurance rate map (FIRM) and they are particularly susceptible to flooding. To find out if your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA), or the base flood elevation of your property, or to find more information for flood protection please call Town Hall at 302-834-4573 or visit the Town's website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov. You can also visit <http://maps.dnrec.delaware.gov/FloodPlanning/default.html> and find additional information if your property has any special flood related hazards

Contact your insurance agent to see if you have flood insurance. Remember flood insurance only covers the structure. It does not cover your home's contents. Make sure you get the additional insurance for your contents. If you are a renter, you can get a Preferred Risk Flood insurance policy for your contents. Remember flood insurance does not go into effect for 30 days after purchase. Call your insurance agent today.

A few ways to protect your property from a flood hazard is to replace your current furnace and elevate it above the base flood level. You can store your valuables and insurance papers upstairs in a waterproof container. You can also visit our website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov and click on Floodplain Management on the left side of the screen for more information.

You can contact DNREC (<http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/drainage/pages/flooding.aspx>) or FEMA (www.fema.com/federalemergencymanagementagency) to see if any grant money is available to elevate your home.

If you have to repair your home after a storm, or at any time, and your property is in the floodplain, you will need a building permit. Please contact Town Hall at 302-834-4573 to get a permit and find out ways to build back stronger. Don't build or grade within 10' from the property line so you do not alter the drainage between homes. This is one reason why you should only use licensed contractors who know the rules for building in the Floodplain.

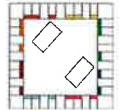
We need to all work together to protect our Community and your property .



Delaware City Events for January and February 2020

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 information, visit <https://delawarecity.lib.de.us/subs>.

Seniors Game Day – Older adults are invited to play card and board games at this monthly program that helps sharpen social skills and mental acuity. This recurring program takes place on the second Tuesday of each month. January 14th, February 11th, 12-1 PM.



Animals in Winter- View live animals and taxidermy specimens native to Delaware to learn about different strategies for winter survival. Investigate which animals hibernate, which stay awake, and which migrate. Presented by the Delaware Nature Society. December 15th, 5-6 PM. All ages. Registration requested.



Learn to Square Dance- Start off the new year by learning a new dance! A square dance caller shows you the basics moves of square dancing. December 19th, 12:30-1:30 PM. Adults. Registration requested.

Day of Service: Library Clean-Up- Help clean up your public library in the spirit of Martin Luther King, Jr's Day of Service. January 21st, 6-7 PM. Ages 12-17.



What's It Worth? Appraisal Event- Michael Ivankovich comes to the library to talk about the value of your possessions. A professional appraiser, Ivankovich is the radio show host of WBCB 1490's "What's It Worth? Ask Mike the Appraiser." He has over 40 years of experience in the auction, antiques and collectibles business. A limited number of free appraisals will be available to attendees of this program. Maximum of 2 items per person. January 27th, 6-7:30 PM. Registration required. Adults.



Tax Tips Seminar with The Money School- Start off the tax season with tips on filing your tax return from The Money School. This info session focuses on dispelling myths and educating low income households on the issues that often lead taxpayers to trouble with the IRS. January 28th, 6-7:30 PM. Adults.

African Americans and the Civil War- This is a presentation on African Americans, free and enslaved, and their role in the Civil War. It examines the challenges they faced and puts a face to soldiers who fought valiantly for the Union cause and freedom. February 4th, 6-7 PM. All ages.

Ran'D Shine Magic Show- Enjoy a magic show from the self-proclaimed "new face of magic." The Philadelphia-based magician has performed during the 44th presidential inauguration and as far as Cape Town, South Africa. February 5th, 5-6 PM. All ages.



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

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow/ice within 24-hours of the end of the snowfall. Snow is not permitted to be deposited in the street gutters. A \$25.00 fine will be issued to any property in violation of this Ordinance - City Code Chapter 8, Sections 10 - 12



DELAWARE CITY SENIOR CENTER

**Kick-off the New Year
With the Senior Center
At the library
Monday & Tuesday
10-1pm**



DELAWARE CITY PAL

Delaware City PAL is officially on Instagram!

Stay up to date with everything at the Delaware City PAL

. Events
. Programs
Athletic Activities
& More!



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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 Drop-in fee.

Starting Monday, January 6th, 10-11 a.m.

Classes will be held in Delaware City Community Center.



ST. PAUL CATHOLIC CHURCH

Society of St Vincent de Paul founded 190 years ago is the largest Catholic voluntary charity mostly emergency aid and help.

Since 1868, We are in 39 parishes in the Wilmington Diocese. Contributions are from the local church parishioner with over 99% given to the clients in that parish area without regard to religion.

We go out to clients in pairs of two volunteers and everything is strictly confidential. There is nothing foreign in help given with the idea of helping others temporary financial aid which sometimes means only simply listening .

St. Paul practicing their faith by simply wanting our neighbors to know that we are here to help given to all in need .



STORMWATER

As storm water runoff flows over land surfaces—pavements, yards, driveways, and roofs—it picks up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants. 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 storm water pollution, we must consider individual, household, and public behaviors and activities that can stop pollution from these surfaces. Here are some common individual behaviors you can do to help prevent storm water pollution:

- * Always pick up your doggie's doo! Doggie doo can wash into our streams and rivers and introduce disease-causing bacteria.**
- * Pick up litter from your yard and storm drains.**
- * Use natural products whenever possible! Toxic substances like insect sprays and moth balls should be used as little as possible**
- * Plant more trees and flowers! It will make your yard more beautiful, and make it more difficult for chemicals to reach waterways.**
- * Recycle as much as possible!**
- * Check your vehicle for oil leaks and drips on a regular basis. When you find a leak, fix it promptly.**
- * Collect oil in containers with a tight fitting lid. Old milk jugs are perfect!**
- * Never dump motor oil, antifreeze or other engine fluids down the storm drain or into the ground.**
- * Wash your car at a car wash that filters water, this will prevent oil from your car from entering the ground water**
- Use ground cloths under your vehicle whenever doing engine repair. Clean up all spills that happen in a timely matter.**

It takes everyone doing their part to control pollution.



Only rain down the drain!





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Change in delivery of the City News effective January 2020



The City News will NO LONGER be distributed to each P. O. Box.

The City News will be accessible on The Delaware City Website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov

Paper copies of The City News will also be available throughout the Town at:

Town Hall, D.C Library, D.C Post Office

If you would like to obtain a paper copy you can stop by Town Hall M-F 8:30– 4:30.