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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 2023. (Beginning July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023)

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, 2021, and your income does not exceed the limits above.

You must submit the following documents with your application:
- Copy of Federal Tax Form (1040) for 2021. If you do not file a Federal Tax Form, you must submit: a copy of 2021 Social Security Benefit Statements, a copy of 2021 interest statements, and a copy of 2021 pension statements if applicable.
- Proof of income for all household residents over 18 years old
- Certificate of Insurance Award if disabled
- Proof of age and address (Matching Items 1-3 above) shall be presented. These include 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, 2022

Posted: January 11, 2022 Town Hall, Post Office, Sunset Market, Delaware City Valero
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NOTICE
MUNICIPAL ELECTION

A MUNICIPAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE DELAWARE CITY COMMUNITY CENTER, 250 FIFTH STREET, IN THE GYMNASIUM ON TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022, 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 FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022, 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 5, 2022 ELECTION IS NECESSARY, BY MARCH 4, 2022. YOU CAN REGISTER TO VOTE AT TOWN HALL, 407 CLINTON STREET OR AT lvote.de.gov.

THE LAST DATE FOR WITHDRAWAL AS A CANDIDATE IS WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 2022, 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 FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2022.

LAST DATE TO REQUEST APPLICATION TO OBTAIN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2022 BY 4:30 PM.

LAST DATE TO RETURN ABSENTEE BALLOTS IS TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2022 BY 8:00PM. IF RETURNING ON APRIL 5, 2022, YOU MUST DROP IT OFF AT THE COMMUNITY CENTER GYMNASIUM, 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.

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 [vote.de.gov](http://vote.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.

MEETINGS

**Mayor & Council:**

- Monday, February 28th at 6:30 p.m.
  Delaware City Fire Company
- Monday, March 21st at 6:30 p.m.
  Delaware City Fire Company
- Monday, April 25th at 6:30 p.m.
  Delaware City Fire Company

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

**Planning Commission:**

- Monday, March 7th at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, April 4th at 6:30 p.m.
- Monday, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Location:
Delaware City Community Center

**Historic Preservation Commission:**

- Tuesday, March 1st at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, April 12th at 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 3rd at 7 p.m.

Location:
Delaware City Community Center

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 SENIOR CENTER

Leap into 2022
Join the Senior Center
Monday and Tuesday at the Library
10:00 am — 1:00 pm

DELAWARE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Anyone interested in participating in a Community Watch program, please email Michael.Henderson@cj.state.de.us.

SNOW REMOVAL

All sidewalks must be cleared of snow/ice within 24-hours of the end of the snowfall. City Code Chapter 8, Sections 10 - 12. There are Senior Citizens residents in our City seeking individuals to pay for snow removal from their sidewalks and their driveways. Anyone interested in performing these services are asked to contact Town Hall. In addition, if there are Senior Citizen residents of our town looking for a person to pay to do snow removal, please contact Town Hall at (302)834-4573.

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. To find out if your property is in the Special Flood Hazard Area and the base flood elevation of your property or to find more information for flood protection please call Town Hall at 302-834-4573.

A few ways to protect your property from a flood hazard is to elevate your furnace above the base flood and to 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.

Flash-flooding is the general type of flooding caused by the Canal and Dragon Run. 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.

Turn around, don’t drown! It is very hard to judge just how deep flood waters can be. Designate a place where your family can meet if an evacuation order is issued.

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. Do not forget flood insurance does not go into effect for 30 days. Call your insurance agent today.

If you have to repair your home after a storm, or at any time and your property is in the floodplain, please contact Town Hall at 302-834-4573 to get a permit and find out ways to build back stronger. Most repairs will need a permit. You can visit our website www.delawarecity.delaware.gov for more information.
Do you want to make a positive impact in the community? Join the library board! Those interested should send an email to delibraryboard@lib.de.us. The library board meets at the beginning and end of each quarter on the third Wednesday of the month. 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

Library programs are a mix of in-person and virtual. Virtual programs are noted in the program description. For more information call the library at 302-834-4148 or register online at http://delawarecity.lib.de.us.

Intro to Port Penn- In the 1760s, Port Penn’s founders hoped that it would become a seaport to rival Philadelphia. Though it never quite lived up to those aspirations, Port Penn is a remarkable community that managed to be both international and uniquely Delaworean. Adults. 1/6/22, 6-7 PM. IN PERSON

Piece Together Your Dream New Year- Take a blank puzzle and draw something you want to happen in 2022! Join us for a Covid safe kids crafting session or bring a kit home to decorate on your own! While supplies last. Registration is required. Please let staff know which option you would like. Children. 1/18/22, 4-5 PM. IN PERSON

Artful Thinking- Cris Vietsore uses close looking techniques to view and discuss a work of art, weaving in educational material about the work and artist. Most importantly, group discussion allows you to bring your own knowledge into the experience. Learn the "slow art" method of viewing artwork. The program does not require any art knowledge and is not lecture based. Adults. 1/19/22, 5:30-6:30 PM. VIRTUAL

Art in the Library- One of our most popular adult programs returns for 2022! This month we’ll use paint pouring techniques to paint a dimensional wooden bracelet. Registration is required. Adults. 1/20/22, 5:30-7 PM. Registration required as space is limited. IN PERSON

Ozzie’s Awesome Otter Tales: The Mitten- Story time returns to Delaware City Library with Ozzie the Otter! Hear the tale The Mitten by Jan Brett told by Ozzie and Ms. Cathy and participate in song, movement and an activity! Performed at Delaware City Library. Children and families. 1/25/22, 4-5 PM. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration Required. IN PERSON

Shadows Around the World- Shadows Around the World explores the history of shadow puppetry and its development throughout the world. The program focuses on world cultures and history and the development of Shadow Theater as an art form. Presented by Nappy’s Puppets. Children and families. 1/26/22, 4-5 PM. Registration Required. VIRTUAL

Notes on the Beach Perform the American Songbook- Musical duo Notes on the Beach present an evening of standards from the Great American Songbook by such legends as Bing Crosby, Duke Ellington, Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Nat King Cole. All ages. 1/27/22, 6-7:15 PM. IN PERSON

Traditional African Drum Performance- Pape Demba "Paco" Samb performs on the traditional African drums called djembe, dundun, sabar, conga, and tama (talking drum). Paco brings his own group, Super Ngewel, to performances. Celebrate Black History Month with this interactive performance! All ages. 2/21/22, 5:30-6:30 PM. IN PERSON For additional programs at the library please visit our website at http://delawarecity.lib.de.us or like us on Facebook!

**TOWN WIDE YARD SALE 2022**

The Delaware City Town Wide Yard Sale will take place on Saturday April 30, **YARD SALE**

**FREE LARGE ITEM TRASH PICK UP**

**MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022**

No appliances or other large metal items. No TV’s larger then 32in (older box style) No hot tubs or steel bath tubs.

**EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

The Methodist Church will be selling Hot Dogs, Snacks and Cold Drinks at the Town Wide Yard Sale.
RECYCLING SCHEDULE
2022

THE BI-WEEKLY RECYCLING PICK-UP WILL CONTINUE TO BE PICKED UP ON MONDAYS, THE SCHEDULE FOR 2022 IS AS FOLLOWS:

JANUARY  3, 17, 31
FEBRUARY  14, 28
MARCH  14,28
APRIL  11,25
MAY  9,23
JUNE  6,20
JULY  4, 18
AUGUST  1, 15, 29
SEPTEMBER  12,26
OCTOBER  10,24
NOVEMBER  7, 21
DECEMBER  5, 19

GET INVOLVED

The City currently needs to fill Vacancies on:

Planning Commission (1)
Board of Adjustment (2)
Board of Ethics (1)

Contact Town Hall if Interested.

If you need to report a Street Light Outage

1. Call Town Hall with the Pole Numbers and Location

   OR