

Shaped by History & Anchored in Nature



As Fort DuPont preserves our past and reshapes our history, we invite you to join our community. This newsletter will share events and updates about programs and projects to bring Delaware City closer together and help Fort DuPont's neighbors appreciate the natural and historical heritage of our location. Please reach out with any questions!

Upcoming Events

April 13
9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Walk for Autism

Save the date!

Get ready for the Walk for Autism, Autism Delaware's biggest event and community gathering!

- Date: April 13th
- Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Location: 260 Old Elm Avenue, Delaware City

Every step counts towards supporting individuals and families affected by autism across the state. Register now to make a difference. Let's walk together for a brighter future!

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Our Perspectives: Larry MacLaren



Fort DuPont Redevelopment and Preservation Corporation Landscape Maintenance Manager, Larry MacLaren shares with us his favorite view from Fort DuPont, the sunrise viewed from the Parade Ground.



"The thing I love most about Fort Dupont is the personal connection I've had with the site over my lifetime. Some of my earliest and favorite memories are of taking walks with my father around the trails of the state park, stopping to eat blackberries along the way, seeing and exploring the grounds, and enjoying the time spent on the journey."

"As an adult, it has been such a privilege to continue improving and restoring the grounds that provided me with such joy as a young person. I hope to foster a beautiful and enjoyable place for others to make memories as cherished as the ones I hold."

Fort DuPont Community Garden: Cultivate Your Green Thumb Today



Get that green thumb going!

Have you seen the Fort DuPont Community Garden? We have garden boxes available if you'd like to try your hand. Boxes are 4' x 10' and come filled with garden soil. Water and hoses are provided, and gardeners may use garden tools which are stored in the locked shed.

Email: FortDuPontGardenCommittee1@gmail.com for more info.

Graham Appointed to Board of Directors



President Pro Tem David P. Sokola has appointed Winvenia "Winn" Graham to the Board of Directors of the Fort DuPont Redevelopment and Preservation Corporation.

Winn is a resident of Delaware City, where she owns Enlightened Elements, LLC.

Please join us in welcoming Winn to our Board of Directors.

Winvenia Taylor Graham, affectionately known as "Winn," is not just a focused businesswoman but a catalyst for transformation on a global scale. With her vibrant personality and genuine connections, she effortlessly bridges worlds, leaving a mark wherever she goes. Married for 22 years and deeply committed to serving as a military spouse, Winn's journey has been marked by unique experiences and opportunities that have shaped her into the dynamic leader she is today.

Blessed with two cherished sons, Joshua and Justin, she has traversed the globe, building invaluable connections within military communities from Guam to Japan.

As the visionary CEO and Founder of The Giving Branch, Winn's passion for empowering veterans and their families shines through every endeavor. From providing transitional housing to fostering financial literacy and supporting orphanages in Liberia, her mission is clear: to uplift and empower those who have served their country. Under Winn's guidance, The Giving Branch has achieved remarkable success, from delivering Christmas joy to children worldwide to raising funds to place veterans in homes.

Her commitment to serving extends beyond borders, evident in her path of Wellness, where she offers solace through massage therapy to military personnel and civilians alike. Winvenia Graham, CMT, is not only the esteemed sole proprietor of Enlightened Elements Spa in Delaware City, Delaware but also a distinguished graduate of the Academy of Massage and Bodywork. As a Nationally Certified member of the AMTA (American Massage Therapy Association), Winvenia brings over nine years of expertise to her craft.

With her unwavering commitment to excellence and her passion for enhancing the well-being of others, Winvenia Graham continues to be a guiding light in the realm of massage therapy and holistic wellness, embodying the values of compassion, dedication, and service in every aspect of her life and work.

Delaware City Abuzz with Creativity: Arts Advocates

A spark of artistic energy is crackling in Delaware City. At a recent meeting at the library, a dozen passionate residents – a mix of visual artists, chefs, performers, and even a representative from Delaware Made seeking a makerspace – gathered to discuss breathing new life into the city's arts scene.

The Delaware City Library itself already boasts a vibrant arts program, offering everything from writer's workshops to cooking classes. But this group is dreaming bigger. They envision pop-up art installations transforming outdoor spaces downtown and at historic Fort DuPont. The fort's chapel and theater could also become additional stages for artistic expression, complementing the existing venues at the library and community center.

The brainstorming continues on April 23rd at 10 a.m. in the library's aptly named "Surfboard Room." If you're interested in diving into the city's creative wave, contact Crystal Pini McDaniel at cpini@fortdupont.org.

Delaware City Explores Bringing Rotary's Service Spirit to Town



A spark of service-minded energy is brewing in Delaware City. Fifteen residents recently gathered at the Fire Hall to explore forming a local chapter of Rotary International, known for its dedication to community and fellowship.

The meeting, facilitated by the Fort DuPont Redevelopment and Preservation Corporation, included representatives from Wilmington's established Rotary chapter, which has been making a difference since 1914. Rotarians are known for tackling local needs through service projects,

mentorship programs, and charitable initiatives.

The "satellite club" model allows Delaware City to launch quickly, with support and guidance from the experienced Wilmington chapter. Membership is open to anyone interested in lending a hand and making a positive impact.

If you're passionate about serving your community, consider joining the conversation. Contact Tim Slavin of the Fort DuPont Redevelopment and Preservation Corporation at tslavin@fortdupont.org to learn more.



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