

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 our location's natural and historical heritage.

A Festive Glow: Holiday Lights at Fort DuPont



The Christmas lights at Fort DuPont are shining brightly, bringing a festive glow to the historic

grounds this holiday season. Twinkling displays and cheerful decorations create a magical atmosphere, perfect for spreading holiday cheer.

Whether you're taking an evening stroll or driving through the campus, the lights add warmth and joy to this special time of year, making Fort DuPont a must-visit destination for getting into the holiday spirit.



Spreading Cheer: Wildlife Tree Decorating



The wildlife tree decorating on Dec. 3 at Fort DuPont was a resounding success, bringing the community together to celebrate nature and the holiday season.

Attendees of all ages gathered at the pavilion to craft pinecones and other edible decorations to transform the wildlife tree into a festive haven for animals. Thanks to the generous donation from Tri-State Bird Rescue, the tree provides vital micro-habitats for birds, mammals, and other

species.

It was a delightful way to blend holiday cheer with environmental stewardship.



Pavilion Renovations are Complete



The renovations at Fort DuPont's community pavilion are complete and the space is ready to welcome visitors again! Upgraded with improved seating, fresh landscaping and better lighting, the pavilion offers an ideal gathering spot for events, picnics, and community activities.

This revitalized space is a testament to Fort DuPont's commitment to providing a welcoming environment for all.

Special thanks to Will Drummond & Stan Stachecki for their hard work.



Fort DuPont Holiday Swag: Order Now for
Christmas Delivery



Get ready for the holiday season with high-quality, custom apparel from Fort DuPont!

Perfect for your family, friends, or neighbors.



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Left Chest Embroidery of Fort DuPont logo | Sizes Small to XL included. Larger sizes (2XL-4XL) available for just an additional \$2 per X.



Long Sleeve Shirts:
\$16 each (PC61LS)



Hooded Sweatshirts:
\$24 each (PC78H)
\$30 each (PC90H)



Crewneck Sweatshirts:
\$19 each (PC78)
\$23 each (PC90)



Other Items:
Hat - \$14 each (CP84)
Backpack - \$30 each (BG208)

IMPORTANT ORDER INFORMATION:
Deadline for Christmas Delivery:
Order and pay by Thursday, 12/12

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DELIVERY/PICK-UP OPTIONS:
Make arrangements for either
home delivery or pick-up.

Exploring History: Fort DuPont Walking Tour a Success



"On Saturday, Nov. 23, Delaware State Parks, the Fort DuPont Redevelopment Corporation, and the Friends of Fort DuPont collaborated for a special Walking Tour of Fort DuPont.

Delaware State Parks hosts this tour periodically throughout the year, but for this tour the Corporation and the Friends made it possible for us to also tour inside the Post Theater and the Post Chapel.

We had 21 attendees on the tour (well above average for this program), and all seemed to have a great time. We hope this will be the first of many similar collaborations!"

Jake Miller, Interpretive Programs Manager,
Fort Delaware State Park/Fort DuPont State Park/Port Penn





Next Fort DuPont Board of Directors Meeting Set for December 11

The next Fort DuPont Redevelopment and Preservation Corporation Board of Directors meeting is set for 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Delaware City Fire Hall on Fifth Street.

We hope to see you there!

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Community Information

Rotary Coat, Hat and Glove Drive



Hat & Glove drive sponsored by DE City Rotary Club in partnership with PAL

Donations can be dropped off at the
Library / Community Center

MON, WED, THU 12:00 noon - 8:00 PM
TUE 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM
SAT 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Closed Friday & Sundays

Collecting hats & gloves for middle
school aged children. Sizes needed:
Women's & Men's S, M, L

Last day for donations Wed., 12/18

For any donation questions:
RotaryDECity@gmail.com

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Information: Crystal Pini-McDaniel, Chair
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For more information contact:
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WSFS Bank Branches Are Collecting Food

WSFS bank
We Stand For Service®



WSFS is joining Sunday Breakfast Mission in a holiday food drive to fight food insecurity in Delaware communities.

Donations of nonperishable food are being collected at WSFS branches through Dec. 31.

Recommended items include drink mix, baby food, boxed stuffing mix, boxed cereal; canned vegetables, fruit, soup, yams, pie filling, tomatoes, beef stew, ham, cranberry sauce, gravy, beef, chicken, tuna; instant pudding, instant potatoes, pasta, mac and cheese, spaghetti sauce, peanut butter and jelly.

Christmas Parade: Dec. 14



DELAWARE CITY'S ANNUAL

Christmas Parade

DECEMBER

SATURDAY

14

6:30 PM

If you wish to join in the parade please
meet in front of Townhall at 6:00 pm to be
put in the line up

Questions? Text Lydia at
302-893-0604

Lots to Learn at the Library



Upcoming Events



Delaware City Library, 250 5th St., offers scads of informative and entertaining programs for learners of all ages.

PAWS for People: READ! – Read aloud to a furry, friendly therapy dog to help inspire a love of reading. Offered by PAWS for People. Readers of all ages and stages are welcome on the first and third Saturdays of the month. 12/21/24, 1/4/25, 1/18/25 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM.

Children's Storytime – EVERY TUESDAY from 10:00 – 10:30 AM

A weekly story time on Tuesdays at 10:00 AM focused on early literacy. We'll read a few stories and play a game during our time together. While this program is aimed at pre-school age children, we welcome kids of all ages! A parent or caregiver **MUST** be present during the program. ON DECEMBER 17, WE WELCOME SPECIAL GUEST BLUEY! Bluey will join us for stories and then interact with attendees, including pics!

STEAM Activity for Kids – STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics. STEAM focuses on sparking imagination and creativity in ways that naturally align with learning. New activities on the second Monday of the month. 1/13/25 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM.

Game Night for Adults- Join us at the library on the second Monday of the month for a game night just for the grownups. Play a selection of board games, card games, and videogames for the Nintendo Switch and PlayStation 4, or bring your own! Adults. 1/13/25 from 6:00 – 7:30 PM.

Tweens & Teens Culture – Join us second Wednesdays for popular culture, food, games, art, and more just for tweens and teens! Theme changes monthly. Aimed at ages 10-15. Registration requested. 12/11/24, 1/15/25 from 5:00 – 6:00 PM.

Knit & Crochet Social Club- Knitters and crocheters of all skill levels are invited to join our Knit and Crochet Social Club! Bring your latest project, enjoy refreshments provided by the library, and meet other knit and crochet lovers. A limited number of knitting needles and yarn will be available to use. 12/12/24, 1/9/25 from 5:30- 7:00 PM.

Kids Create: Gingerbread Houses - Join us to make simple gingerbread houses! You'll have a tiny, festive house to take home when you're done. Aimed at kids aged 7-11. Younger children may participate with an adult caregiver to help. Supplies are limited – registration required. 12/16 from 4:30 - 5:30 PM.

Kids Craft - Join us for a monthly kids craft on third Tuesdays to make fun and seasonal items, perfect for kids to keep, display, or give as gifts. Supplies are limited. Registration required. 12/17/24, 1/17/25 from 4:30 – 5:30 PM.

Cooking with Cathy for Tweens & Teens – Tweens & teens get hands on experience to learn how to use kitchen tools and practice cooking skills on third Wednesday of the month. Supplies are limited - registration required. Ages 10-15. 12/18/24, 1/21/25 from 4:30-6:00 PM.

Recent Release Book Club- A new monthly book club for adults on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Pick up a copy of this month's title at the library. *Please note dates have changed December due to holiday schedules.* Adults. 12/17/24, 1/28/25 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

Gift Wrapping Social Hour- Turn the chore of giftwrapping into a social outing at the library! We provide holiday music, refreshments, and wrapping supplies. Bring your gifts to wrap, holiday cheer, and a friend! Adults. 12/18 from 6:00- 7:30 PM.

Art in the Library- This popular fine art program changes themes monthly, and takes place on third Thursdays at 5:30 PM. Call the library for this month's project. Registration required. Adults. 12/19/24, 1/16/25 from 5:30-7:00 PM.

School Break Drop-In Crafting – School's out, and we have crafts to keep kids 7-15 entertained! Kids under 7 may participate with an adult. Registration requested. 12/23/24, 12/26/24 AND 01/02/25 from 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

Kids Cook - Kids aged 7-11 will have fun cooking (and eating!) while learning valuable skills, such as reading and following a recipe, basic math and chemistry, and fine motor dexterity on fourth Wednesdays. Younger kids may participate with an adult to help. Supplies are limited – registration required. 12/26 /24, 1/29/25 from 4:30- 5:30 PM.

Beginning Genealogy 101: Little-known Resources at the Delaware Public Archives

This presentation will include the most common records used by genealogists but will take a deeper look into those little-known resources that can be most helpful when researching your family tree. Some of the little know resources that will be discussed include Pauper Records, Legislative Petitions Apprentice Indentures, City Directories, and Enrolled Bills. 1/23, 6-7 PM. Adults. Registration required.

Contact: delawarecity.lib.de.us or 302-834-4148



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