

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.

Local Architecture Firm Chosen to Complete Theater Study



Tevebaugh Architecture of Wilmington has been chosen to perform a conceptual study of the Fort DuPont War Department Theater. The architect was on site in January to conduct a point cloud laser survey of the theater's exterior and interior. This survey will be used to develop a 3D

model of existing conditions. The study will provide the framework for the design, ensuring consistency and coherence in all phases.

Built in 1933, Fort DuPont War Department Theater was a community resource to soldiers stationed at Fort DuPont and Delaware City residents. Closed in the 1970s, the theater's redevelopment will be a linchpin for Fort DuPont's revitalization.

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Sabatina's: A Taste of Tradition in Delaware City



Lisa Loannoni, Owner

At Sabatina's, we believe great food brings people together. Inspired by my Nonna Sabatina, who taught me to cook with love and patience, our shop is more than just a place to eat—it's a celebration of family, tradition and community. In our first year, we were honored to win awards for Best Cheesesteaks and Best Sub Shop, a testament to the passion we put into every sandwich. We're proud to offer favorites like the Italian hoagie, the Delaware City Gobbler, fresh eggplant, our fan-favorite fries, our award-winning cheesesteaks and Nonna's Chicken Cutlets—all breaded and made in-house—and many more. I am truly honored to bring this to Delaware City, to have my shop and be surrounded by amazing friends, hardworking employees, supportive family, and the loyal customers who make it all possible.

Taste the love at Sabatina's—let's eat, Delaware City!

Plan Your



Friends of Fort DuPont Up and Running

The Friends of Fort DuPont, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, held its first board of directors meeting Sept. 16, 2024. The Friends of Fort DuPont will honor the fort's military heritage, hold cultural events for the community, and augment outdoor recreation on the campus. The organization is eager to begin fundraising for projects such as the theater restoration and to introduce exciting programs to Delaware City.



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Coast Defense Study Group



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Fort DuPont Redevelopment
and Preservation Corp.

Friends of Fort DuPont Website Update

Working with University of Delaware and Parker Dewey micro-internships company, the Friends of Fort DuPont secured a college intern to begin creating the organization's first website. Alex Hoy, a junior computer science student at UD, completed a 40-hour internship developing the website's framework. UD paid a stipend for his work. Although content is still in the works, you can see Alex's creation at



Visit our
Website

Fort DuPont in the Spotlight

Fort DuPont stars in an article published in the January 2025 issue of Greenville Neighbors.

The piece, written by Will Hahn with photos by Dorie Hahn, describes how a family out for a riverside drive discovered the fort, seeing buildings for a seemingly empty mid-20th century town, including a post office, theater and chapel. The family wondered if the site was a “private school, suddenly abandoned” or a “set for a movie never filmed.”

The realization that the locale had been a fort arrived after a jaunt on a nature trail past huge concrete bunkers and signs warning of “Unexploded Ordnance.”

Hahn tells the fort’s history as a coastal defender and writes about taking a tour with a state park’s guide, who talked about plans for the fort’s redevelopment and activities in 2025.

Dorie Hahn’s photos show a view of the river, the chapel, main barracks and inside the theater.

A PLACE, A PARK AND A PLAN: **FORT DUPONT**

BY WILL HAHN / PHOTOS BY DORIE HAHN



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Delaware State Parks: Fort DuPont Programs



Fort DuPont History Walk

10 a.m. Saturdays, Feb. 22, March 22, April 5 and May 24, at the Fishing Point

Fort DuPont has a fascinating history from the mid-1860s to the present. Join a park historian to walk the grounds and hear stories that make this place significant. The program is free, but registration is suggested: 302-601-6382 or email Jake at Jacob.miller@delaware.gov

Fort DuPont Battery Hike

10 a.m. Saturday, March 29, at the Fishing Point

Fort DuPont began as a coastal defense site. This program explores why the fort was important and how coastal defense functioned on the base. Wear waterproof shoes that can get muddy. This program is free, but registration is suggested: 302-601-6382 or email Jake at Jacob.miller@delaware.gov

Explorer's Walk

2 p.m., Saturday, April 12, at the Fishing Point

Kids can explore the adventure that waits outdoors. This free program looks for natural treasures.

Fort DuPont Scavenger Hunt

2 p.m., Saturday, March 29, at the Fishing Point

Walk the grounds of Fort DuPont to find items hidden by our staff in this free program. Find everything on the list and win a prize.

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February Board Meeting Cancelled

The meeting of the Fort DuPont Redevelopment and Preservation Corporation Board of Directors scheduled for Wednesday, February 12, 2025 has been cancelled.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the board is on March 12, 2025 at 9:30 am at the Delaware City Fire

CANCELLED

Community Information

Consider Joining Rotary



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Delaware City Rotary Club, Satellite Club of
Middletown-Odesa-Townsend

For more information contact:

Crystal Pini-McDaniel, Chair
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Service Above Self

Delaware City Rotary Club, satellite club of Middletown-Odessa-Townsend.

Next meeting will take place at 8:45 AM on Wednesday, February 19th at the Delaware City Library and Community Center.
Please e/m Crystal if you plan to visit.

Information: Crystal Pini-McDaniel, Chair
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Library Offers Programs for All Ages



Upcoming Events



Delaware City Library, 250 5th St., offers informative, entertaining events for learners of every age.

Children's Storytime: A weekly event at 10 a.m. Tuesdays focuses on early literacy. We'll read a few stories and play a game during our time together. While this program is aimed at preschool-age children, we welcome kids of all ages. A parent or caregiver **MUST** be present.

Tweens & Teens Culture: Join us second Wednesdays for popular culture, food, games, art and more for tweens and teens. Theme changes monthly. For ages 10 to 15. Registration requested. 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., Feb. 12.

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. 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 13.

PAWS for People: READ! Read aloud to a furry, friendly therapy dog to inspire a love of reading. Offered by PAWS for People. Readers of all ages and stages are welcome the first and third Saturdays of the month. 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., Feb. 15.

Douglass Day Transcribe-A-Thon: In February, we invite the community to join forces with adults and children in Delaware City and around the world to participate in the Frederick Douglass Day Transcribe-A-Thon. Although Douglass never knew his birthdate, he chose to celebrate every

year on Feb. 14. We celebrate this date five days later with a drop-in program to create new and freely available resources to learn about Black history together by transcribing correspondence. The transcription will be performed at the library via *By The People*, a citizen science platform initiated by the Library of Congress. Delaware City Library is closed on the traditional date, but we can contribute to the project Feb. 19. Drop in from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Cooking with Cathy for Tweens & Teens: Tweens and teens get hands-on experience, learning how to use kitchen tools and practice cooking on third Wednesdays. Supplies are limited, registration required. Ages 10 to 15. 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m., Feb. 19.

Art in the Library: This fine arts program on third Thursdays changes themes monthly. Call the library for this month's project. Registration required. Adults. 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., Feb. 20.

Recent Release Book Club: A monthly book club for adults on the fourth Tuesday of the month. Pick up a copy of this month's title at the library. Adults. 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Feb. 25.

Kids Cook: Kids ages 7 to 11 will have fun cooking (and eating) while learning to read and follow 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. 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., Feb. 26.

Register for these programs and more on our website.

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