

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.

Meet the Friends: Spotlight on Fort DuPont's New Board Members

Meet: Michael Lutz, Interim Chair and Treasurer



Michael Lutz is vice president of Avalere Health, supporting clients serving members in Medicare, Medicaid and commercial health programs. With his background in health plan operations and strategy, he helps customers adapt to changes in federal and state regulations to ensure program compliance and efficiency. He also designs care programs. Michael has expertise in Medicare Advantage, Medicaid Managed Care, Medicare Part D, and behavioral health programs. Michael has consulted with multiple state governments, the U.S. Departments of Health and Human Services, Commerce and Treasury, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, and Britain's National Health Services.

Michael has a master's degree in risk management and insurance from Temple University's Fox School of Business and a bachelor's degree in economics from Dickinson College. He is fervent about community and urban planning, and social philanthropy. He served on the board of directors for the Carbon/Tamaqua (Pennsylvania) chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Meet: Terrance "Terry" McGovern

Terrance McGovern has written eight books and numerous articles on fortifications, including four books for Osprey's Fortress Series ("American Defenses of Corregidor and

Manila Bay 1898-1945"; "Defenses of Pearl Harbor and Oahu 1907-50"; "American Coastal Defenses 1885-1950"; "Defenses of Bermuda 1612-1995"). He has published 12 books on coast defense and fortifications through Redoubt Press or CDSG Press. Terry was chairman of the U.S.-based Coast Defense Study Group and continues to be an officer. He has been the editor of the Fortress Study Group annual journal FORT. He is a director of the International Fortress Council, the Council on America's Military Past, Fort Miles Historical Association, and International Naval Research Organization. He is an appointed trustee for Virginia's Fort Monroe Authority Board.



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Delaware State Parks: Fort DuPont Programs



Fort DuPont History Walk

10 a.m. Saturdays, 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
FDRPC staff members will join this walk on Mar. 22 while visiting the Theater.

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

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.

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.

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Board Meeting on March 12

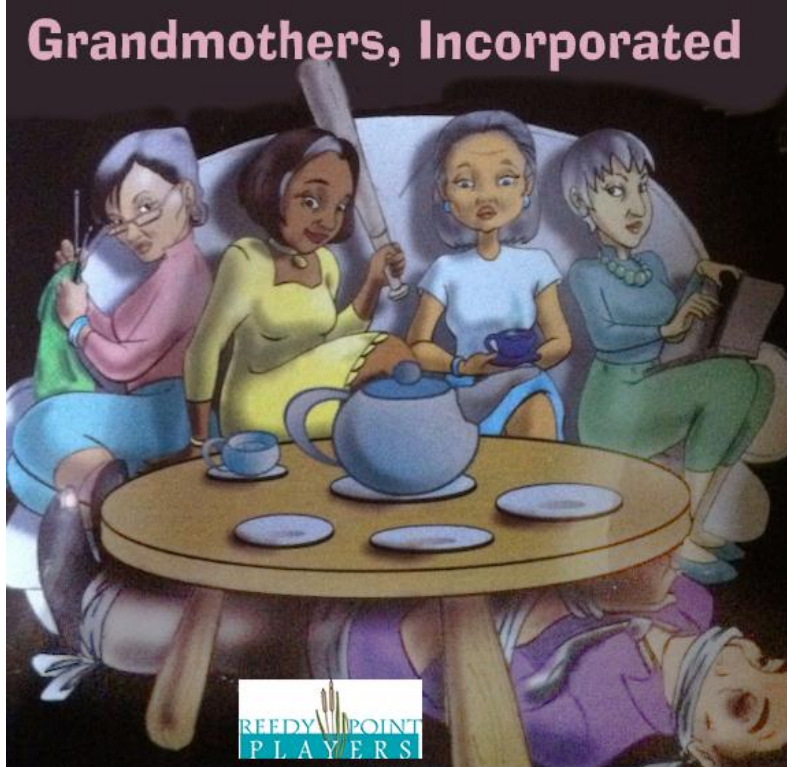
The meeting of the Fort DuPont Redevelopment and Preservation Corporation Board of Directors is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12 at 9:30 a.m. at the Delaware City Fire Hall.

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

Download Meeting Packet

Community Information

‘Grandmas’ to Star at Community Theater



The Reedy Point Players, a community theater group in Delaware City, is presenting "Grandmas Incorporated" by L. Barnett Evans and C.V. Rhodes in early April.

Women "of a certain age" are approached by a charming con man who thinks he can outwit them. He soon learns that the women aren't just older, they're wiser. Can they foil his plot, or will he succeed? Showtimes are 8 p.m. April 4 and 5 and 2 p.m. April 6 at Delaware City Community Center, 250 Fifth St., Delaware City.

Founded 24 years ago, the Reedy Point Players began on a makeshift stage in Delaware City's (former) Port of History Center with the production of "Spoon River Anthology." A few years later, the Reedy Point Players relocated to the community center. The company has won state and regional awards, including from Delaware BroadwayWorld.com for its production of "The Outsiders."

The group's production of "Angels in Gangland" by Robert Smith is set for May 16, 17 and 18.

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The next meeting will be at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19th, at the Delaware City Library and Community Center.

Please e/m Crystal if you plan to visit.

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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.

Teen Room Hours: Teens have their own space with board games, cards, art supplies, as well as several video game systems. Ask the Library staff member on duty about additional activities. Teen Room hours are Wednesdays and Thursdays - drop in anytime between 4:00 - 7:00 PM. Ages 12-17 welcome.

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., Mar. 12 and Apr. 9.

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. Mar. 13 and Apr. 10.

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., Mar. 15, Apr. 5, and Apr. 19.

Story of a Prisoner: Life as a P.O.W. at Fort Delaware: Fort Delaware is primarily known for its role as a Civil War POW facility. Find out what life was like for the prisoners at Fort Delaware, from the day they arrived until the day they left, in their own words. Jacob Miller of the Port Penn Interpretive Center joins us for this fascinating bit of local history. Adults and families. Mar. 17 from 6:00- 7:00 p.m.

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., Mar. 18 and Apr. 15.

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., Mar. 19 and Apr. 16.

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., Mar. 20 and Apr. 17.

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., Mar. 25 and Apr. 22.

NEW! Maker Space Makes for Kids: Usually reserved for ages 12+, our new monthly Maker Space Makes program gives kids ages 7-11 (younger with an adult to help) a chance to explore our Maker Space tools and resources to create a fun new project on the first Wednesday of the month! Drop-in on Apr. 2 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Teens Knit and Crochet: Join us first Mondays for pizza, snacks, and creativity! All materials provided or bring your own project if you already have experience. Don't know how to knit or crochet? No problem - we'll have an experienced teacher ready to get you started. Aimed at ages 12-17. Apr. 7 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

NEW! Maker Space Makes for Adults: This new monthly program takes place on the first Monday of each month. Participants create a project utilizing technology and gadgets from our Maker Space. Call the library for this month's project. Apr. 7 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Register for these programs and more on our website.

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