



The Delaware County Digest

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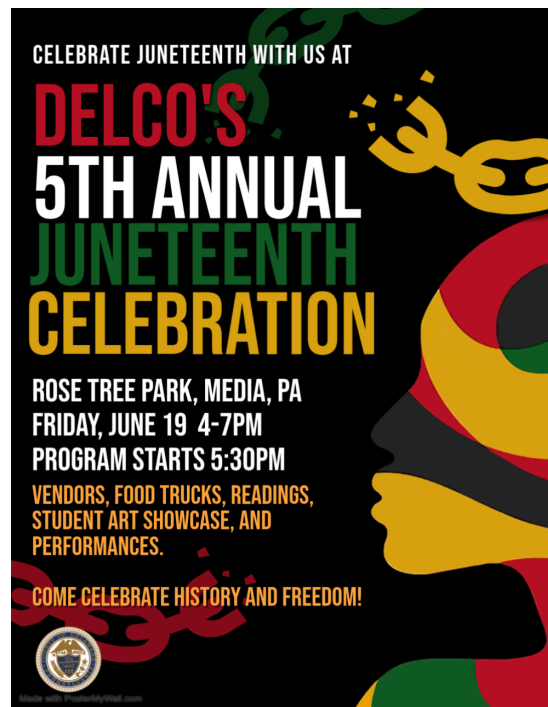
1 Delaware County to Host 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Rose Tree Park on Friday, June 19

On **Friday, June 19**, Delaware County is hosting their 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Rose Tree Park in Media. **The event, which will run from 4-7 PM, will see the program begin at 5:30 PM**, and includes vendors, food trucks, readings, a student art showcase, and performances from groups across Delaware County.

“This year’s Juneteenth will be a spectacular event, bringing together people from across Delco to celebrate the holiday,” said Delaware County Council member Dr. Monica Taylor. “After the weather put a damper on celebrations last year, I know we are ready for a memorable event this year filled with fun, food, and good music.”

Residents can look forward to a full program, including:

- Renditions of the Star-Spangled Banner and Lift Every Voice and Sing by recording artist Ashli Rice and Delaware County Assistant Director of Talent Management Charnee Washington
- A performance from the Campbell AME Church Choir from Media
- A variety of Juneteenth readings by members of the Delaware County community
- A dance performance from the Chester Cultural Arts and Technology Center
- Presentation of Juneteenth student artwork from across Delaware County



- Remarks from members of County Council and other elected officials

Along with the program, there will be vendors and food trucks from across the county providing goodies and food for all attendees. Vendors will begin arriving at 4 PM and will stay until 7 PM. Stay tuned for more information on specific vendors that will be in attendance.

Please note that the Delaware County Juneteenth Celebration will be held rain or shine, and there will not be a makeup date.

For more information, please visit juneteenthdelco.com.

Once the Juneteenth Celebration program is complete, Philly Gumbo will perform as part of the Rose Tree Park Summer Festival, beginning at 7:30 PM. Featuring the powerhouse vocals of India Rex, the six-piece band plays a groovalicious jambalaya of R&B, Blues, Reggae, Funk, and Soul that appeals to all ages. For more information about the Rose Tree Park Summer Festival, visit delcopa.gov/parks/summer-festival.



Delaware County Health Department Unveils Wellness on Wheels Mobile Health Unit



On Friday, the Delaware County Health Department cut the ribbon on their Wellness on Wheels (W.o.W.) Mobile Unit at an event at the old Briarcliffe Fire House in Glenolden.

The opening of this new mobile health unit marks a big step forward for healthcare in Delco, allowing DCHD to bring public health directly into communities. This has a particular impact due to the closure of the Crozer hospitals across Delaware County in early 2025 as a result of the greed of private equity.

"The Wellness Mobile Unit reflects our shared commitment to meeting residents where they are, delivering world-class care, and securing the future of Delco for generations to come."

The Wellness on Wheels Mobile Health Unit, a 33-foot long RV retrofitted as a mobile health clinic, supports a variety of public health initiatives, including:

- Health screenings
- Vaccination and prevention efforts
- Chronic disease education
- Community outreach
- Health navigation services
- Other programs to improve the health and well-being of Delaware County residents

Whether at community events, schools, neighborhoods, workplaces, or partner organizations, W.o.W. helps residents connect with the services they need to live healthier lives. Access to healthcare and public health resources can be challenging for many residents, but W.o.W. helps bridge that gap by bringing services directly to the places where people live, work, learn, and gather. Through this mobile approach, DCHD is working to improve health equity, strengthen community connections, and ensure more residents have access to the information and support they need.

The ribbon cutting included a tour of the mobile health unit, which is equipped with a wheelchair lift, an exam chair, storage areas for supplies, and a small refrigerator for vaccines, medicines, and lab samples.

The first event Wellness on Wheels will be providing services to the public at is DCHD's Hoops for Health Men's Prostate Cancer Screening Event on 6/20. For more information on this event, call the DCHD Wellness Line at **484-276-2100**.

For more information on the Wellness on Wheels Mobile Wellness Unit, please visit delcopa.gov/health/wellness-on-wheels-and-prevention.

The mission of the Delaware County Health Department is to make the county a healthy place to live, work and play. The prevention of illness and injury, education around vaccines, personal safety, and gaps in health equity are fundamental public health issues that impact our residents. Their charge is to ensure the quality and accessibility of health services and provide information to support each resident in their efforts to enjoy a healthier lifestyle.

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7.2-Mile Bike Route Connecting Southeast Delaware County Opened at Bike-the-Pike Event in Sharon Hill



Last week at Sharon Hill Park, Delaware County Council member Elaine Paul Schaefer joined leaders from across Delco to cut the ribbon on over seven miles of new bike trails along Chester Pike.

"When I joined County Council six years ago, I wanted to make our county safer, more sustainable, and more connected," said Council member Schaefer. "I am proud to cut the ribbon on this project that will improve life in southeast Delco for years to come."

The 7.2-mile bike route, which connects Glenolden, Prospect Park, Ridley Park, Norwood, and Sharon Hill, will provide residents of all biking abilities with opportunity, access, and connection to nearby communities while offering cyclists a safe, low-

stress alternative to Chester Pike's busy streets. This will make Delaware County safer for residents and visitors alike, connecting key destinations in our communities like parks, schools, historic sites, and businesses.

This project goes beyond just being a normal bike route, including bike "nodes" equipped with amenities like racks, trees, rain gardens, and more. Currently this includes local destinations like Ridley Park Lake and the historic Morton Morton House, with plans for expansion in the future.

Not only will this project make Delco residents healthier and more connected, but it also reflects Delaware County's commitment to sustainable living, reducing our reliance on cars, and improving air quality. The route cyclists inaugurated moments after the ribbon cutting is rich with history, following the path of the historic King's Highway, traveled by signers of the Declaration of Independence on their journey to Philadelphia 250 years ago this month.

The Delaware County Planning Department's Green Ways Municipal Grant Program invested nearly \$200,000 into this project to connect residents while keeping Delco safe and sustainable. This is just one project that the Green Ways Municipal Grant Program has overseen as part of over \$20 million invested into the Delaware County community to solidify Delco as the best community in the world to live and raise a family. This project was also partially funded by the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission's Travel Options Program.

This project was spearheaded by the Chester Pike Corridor Improvement Partners, led by Sharon Hill Borough President Tanya Allen and helped by leaders from each community along

the route. Borough President Allen is one of many local leaders who have come together to deliver for the residents of Delaware County.

The opening of this bike route is the latest example of how Delaware County Council continues to deliver for Delco residents by investing in everything from the County's emergency telecommunications system to bike routes that improve the lives of residents. No matter how big or small, Delco Delivers for all 49 municipalities.

To learn more about Bike-the-Pike, visit bike-the-pike.com.

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Delaware County Hosts Annual Delco Environmental Expo at Rose Tree Park



Delaware County Council member Dr. Monica Taylor was proud to join PennEnvironment and other local leaders for the Delaware County Environmental Expo last week at Rose Tree Park in Media.

"Delco remains steadfast in our commitment to sustainability: to meaningful climate action, to cleaner air and water, and to ensuring that our future is both environmentally and socially resilient," said Council member Dr. Taylor.

The event served as a great opportunity for residents to connect with elected officials, experts in the fields of renewable energy, electric vehicles, energy efficiency and weatherization, and local environmental groups.

Dr. Taylor shared how Delaware County Council has delivered on the promise of a more sustainable home for residents through the creation of the County sustainability office, the Delco Green Ways Municipal Grant Program, partnering with environmental groups across the region, and more.

Just in the past year, Delaware County completed a major LED lighting replacement project at the Government Center to improve energy efficiency, revamped their recycling program to make it more effective and accessible for staff and residents, and partnered with neighboring counties to jointly purchase renewable energy through the Sustainable Energy Partnership.

The County also recently reauthorized the SEPTA Key Advantage program, a partnership with SEPTA that provides County employees with discounted access to transit. This program not only benefits the environment, but it also provides County employees the ability to commute to work in a sustainable and affordable manner.

Council is proud to work alongside members of the Delco Delegation in Harrisburg, including State Rep. Jennifer O'Mara and State Sen. Tim Kearney, who helped organize the event. Collaboration with partners at the state, local, and federal level is essential to long-term progress.

To learn more about Delaware County's Office of Sustainability, please visit delcopa.gov/sustainability.

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Delaware County Continuum of Care Announces Application Period for HUD Funding

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has released the FY26 Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). More information about the CoC Grant Program, the FY2026 NOFO, and related HUD application materials are available for download here: hud.gov/hud-partners/community-coc.

The CoC Program is a community-wide initiative dedicated to ending homelessness. It provides vital funding to local nonprofits, government entities, and housing organizations to quickly re-house homeless individuals and families, provide wraparound support services, and promote long-term self-sufficiency.

To be eligible for funding under the FY 2026 Continuum of Care and Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program Grants NOFO, **project applicants must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**, (42 U.S.C. 11381– 11389) (the Act) and the CoC Program Rule found in 24 CFR part 578 (the Rule).

Eligible project applicants include nonprofit organizations, states, local governments, instrumentalities of state and local governments, Indian Tribes and TDHE [as defined in section 4 of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (25 U.S.C. 4103) (TDHEs)]. Public housing agencies, as such term is defined in 24 CFR 5.100, are eligible without limitation or exclusion. A faith-based organization may apply on the same basis as any other organization, subject to the requirements in 24 CFR 5.109, and receive the full protections for religion in Federal law, including the Free Speech and Free Exercise Clauses of the Constitution, the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (42 U.S.C. § 2000bb-1), Title VII of the Civil Rights Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 2000e-1(a), 2000e-2(e), and the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. § 12113(d)). For-profit entities and individuals are not eligible to apply for grants or to be subrecipients of grant funds.

Organizations interested in applying for new projects to help end homelessness in Delaware County are encouraged to read the NOFO in its entirety and attend the PA-502 CoC FY2026 HUD Local Grant Competition New Project Info Session on **Thursday, June 25 at 1:00 PM**.

Registration is required. Upon registration, a Zoom meeting link will be provided. Please click [here](#) to register.

Take Part, Spread the Word, Stay Connected



Paul Miller's Law Banning Use of Handheld Devices While Driving in Effect as of Thursday, June 5

As of Thursday, June 5 it is **illegal to use handheld devices while driving in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**, with the offense carrying a \$50 fine, plus court costs and other fees. The law is referred to as "Paul Miller's Law" in memory of Paul Miller, who was killed by a distracted driver in 2010 in Monroe County, Pennsylvania. For more information on Pennsylvania distracted driving laws, click [here](#).



Delaware County Providing \$1,000 Credit Towards Summer Camps for Unemployed Caregivers

The Delaware County Workforce Development Board is providing a \$1,000 credit for unemployed caregivers to send children to seven summer camps across the County.

Camps include:

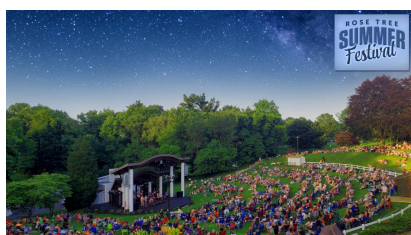
- Boys & Girls Club of Chester
- Chef Dad's Table at the Center for Learning
- YMCAs of Lansdowne, Ridley, and Springfield
- Delaware County Community College Kid's Camp
- Discovery Place Preschool
- Upper Chichester Township Summer Camp
- Youth Angel Scholars

Camps fill up fast, so we encourage residents to apply as soon as possible. For more information, please visit PACareerLinkDelco.org/Summer-Camp.



Delaware County Solid Waste Authority to Host Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on Saturday, June 13 in Upper Chichester

The Delaware County Solid Waste Authority is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event on **Saturday, June 13 from 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM** at the Upper Chichester Municipal Building (**8500 Furey Road, Upper Chichester, PA 19014**). Registration is required and can be done at delcohhw.eventbrite.com.



Rose Tree Summer Concert Series Begins Wednesday, June 17

Delaware County is excited to invite residents to the 51st Annual Summer Concert Series at Rose Tree Park, beginning on Wednesday, June 17 with the Delaware County Symphony. Concerts will be held Wednesday-Sunday until August 16 with a variety of bands performing, many of which will be honoring America's 250th Birthday with topical performances. To learn more, visit delcopa.gov/parks/summer-festival.

Delaware County Health Department to Host Hoops for Health Event on Saturday, June 20 in Darby

Join the Delaware County Health Department for their Hoops for Health 4v4 Basketball Tournament on **Saturday, June 20 from 10 AM to 2 PM** at the Darby Recreation Center (**1022 Ridge Ave, Darby, PA 19023**). The event will include free prostate cancer screenings (blood draw only), blood pressure screenings, prizes, and resources for the community. To learn more, call the DCHD Wellness Line at **484-276-2100**.



Celebrate Men's Health Month
Father's Day Weekend with DCHD:

HOOPS FOR HEALTH

4v4 Basketball Tournament

Uniforms vs Shirts

FREE

PROSTATE CANCER SCREENING
(BLOOD DRAW ONLY)

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

PRIZES & RESOURCES

Saturday, June 20th, 2026
Time: 10 am - 2 pm
Location: Darby Recreation Center
1022 Ridge Ave, Darby, PA 19023

USE THE QR CODE OR CALL THE WELLNESS LINE
AT 484-276-2100 TO REGISTER YOUR TEAM. TEAM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS 6/1/2026





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