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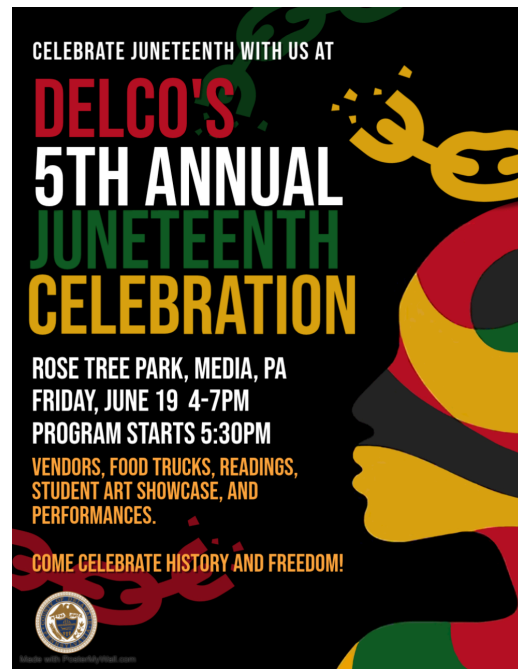
Delaware County to Host 5th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Rose Tree Park on Friday, June 19

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 Delaware County Assistant Director of Talent Management Charnee Washington
- 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, including Representative Mary Gay Scanlon and State Senator Tim Kearney



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.

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Delaware County Health Department Shares Update with Council on Progress Keeping Delco Healthy



At Wednesday's Delaware County Council meeting, Delaware County Health Department (DCHD) Director Lora Werner updated Council on the progress her department has made in the last year, highlighted by the recent unveiling of DCHD's Wellness on Wheels (W.o.W) mobile wellness unit.

Before DCHD's founding in April of 2022, Delaware County was the largest county in the nation without a health department. In its first four years it has played a pivotal role in preventing injury, illness, disease, and premature

death through the promotion of healthy behaviors, protection of the environment, and prevention of the spread of disease and illness.

Delaware County Health Department is working to help Delco experience less spread of infectious diseases, fewer premature deaths, and less hospital visits. DCHD has facilitated partnerships to drive long term changes promoting public health benefits and built a healthier county that uses less healthcare, which has been critical in the wake of the closure of Crozer hospitals due to the greed of private equity.

DCHD has helped former Crozer patients get their medical records, was critical in the opening of a ChristianaCare neighborhood hospital in Aston and continue to help residents navigate the loss of healthcare on a daily basis. For updates on the situation, residents can visit delcopa.gov/health/prospect-medical-bankruptcy-update.

Werner shared numerous examples of partnerships they've established to improve public health, including hundreds of health inspections ahead of last month's PGA Championship, hosting a forum with the Lead-Free Promise Project to prevent childhood lead poisoning, and partnering with the Borough of Lansdowne to share information about the rise of vape shops across the county.

In 2025 DCHD's highlights included operating two Wellness Center locations (Chester and Yeadon) and a 24-hour wellness phone line, holding **139 outreach events**, distributing **17,570 doses of Narcan**, and bringing **over \$8.8 million in grants** to Delaware County.

Werner proudly shared that in its first four years, 70-80% of DCHD's budget has been funded by state and federal grants, with the department projected to continue bringing these investments to Delaware County to address complex public health problems. DCHD has dedicated countless hours connecting residents with the resources they need to improve their health, making Delco healthier.

"The vast bulk of the money that funds the Health Department is coming from state and federal sources," said Delaware County Council Vice Chair Christine Reuther. "This is money that, disproportionately, Delaware County and southeastern Pennsylvania contributes, and for years none of it came back to Delaware County. Now it is coming back to Delco because of the work of DCHD."

A hallmark of DCHD's recent work is their Wellness on Wheels mobile unit, which was unveiled earlier this month at the old Briarcliffe Fire House in Glenolden. W.o.W will allow the department to bring public health directly to communities, which is critical in the wake of the Crozer closures.

"I'm really excited about Wellness on Wheels," said Delaware County Council Chair Richard Womack. "I think it's going to be very helpful to our community, so Council is looking forward to continuing to support it."

The mobile unit will provide public health emergency preparedness through flu clinics, communication exercises, and emergency operation center exercises, harm reduction trainings like Stop the Bleed, and Narcan training/distribution, and personal health services like STI/HIV testing, immunizations, and lead testing.

For more information about DCHD, visit delcopa.gov/health.

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Delaware County Health Department to Inaugurate Wellness on Wheels Mobile Unit at Hoops for Health Event in Upper Darby on Saturday, June 20

DCHD
DELAWARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

Jefferson
UPPER DARBY
CHANGE THE ODDS
American Cancer Society
Pfizer

Residents are invited to join the Delaware County Health Department for the Wellness on Wheels mobile unit's first event, the 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, which will be held in tandem with Jefferson Health, Darby Police, and the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, will include free prostate cancer screenings (blood draw only), blood pressure screenings, prizes, and resources for the community. This will be a perfect opportunity to see the new mobile unit in action.

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 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.

As W.o.W was being developed, DCHD went out in the community and heard what Delco wanted out of a mobile health unit. This outreach included 45 listening sessions with 228 participants and 91 stakeholder groups, along with seven community pop-up events and 94 community surveys completed.

On **Saturday, August 15 from 10 AM to 2 PM**, the Wellness on Wheels mobile unit will be at DCHD's 3rd Annual Back to School Fair at the Delaware County Wellness Center in Chester (**151 W. 5th St., Chester, PA 19013**). DCHD will offer free school vaccinations, health screenings, backpacks, school supplies, haircuts, and other resources.

To learn more or request the Wellness on Wheels mobile unit at your event, call DCHD's 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.

Take Part, Spread the Word, Stay Connected



Delaware County Offices to be Closed on Friday, June 19 in Recognition of Juneteenth

All Delaware County buildings and offices will be closed on Friday, June 19 in recognition of Juneteenth. County buildings will reopen for normal operations at 8:30 AM on Monday, June 22. For more information, visit delcopa.gov.

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.



Enjoy the Rose Tree Summer Concert Series Wednesday-Sunday Through August 16!

Delaware County is excited to invite residents to the 51st Annual Summer Concert Series at Rose Tree Park, which began 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 relevant performances. To learn more, visit delcopa.gov/parks/summer-festival.



Unearth a Story with Delaware County Libraries Summer Reading Programs!

Delaware County Libraries will be celebrating summer reading throughout the summer with a variety of programs and events. Each of the 28 local libraries will have Summer Reading Kick-off Programs, there will be a challenge for young readers to visit as many libraries across Delco as possible, Beanstack will provide online reading challenges, libraries will partner with the Franklin Institute and GSK for science programs, and much more! For more information, visit delcolibraries.org/summer-quest.



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