



The Delaware County Digest

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Delaware County Council Issues Statement on Arrest of Alleged Perpetrator of Terroristic Threats to Sheriff Siddiq Kamara

Delaware County Council has issued the following statement regarding the arrest of Sean Kennan, of Havertown, PA, for the alleged offenses of terroristic threats, harassment, and disorderly conduct.

“Delaware County Council is aware that an arrest has been made of an individual alleged to have made violent and threatening messages to our elected Sheriff, Siddiq Kamara.

We would like to praise the quick work of Delaware County's District Attorney, Tanner Rouse, and the Criminal Investigation Division team. We know, however, that this arrest alone does not end of problem of unchecked hate, overheated rhetoric and threatening behavior, harassment, racism, and Islamophobia.

This matter would be harmful enough if the alleged perpetrator were from another community, but they aren't. The accused in this case is from within our borders, someone who shares our spaces and lives in one of our municipalities.



Every one of us must ask what additional steps we can take to keep each other safe in Delco, to become more accepting, and to see each other's humanity. We would like to thank Sheriff Kamara for the example of his strength and resolve in the face of such threats, and to ask every resident to join in building a Delaware County that is safe, welcoming, and accepting of the differences we have while celebrating the common bonds we share.”

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Delaware County Earns Nearly \$5 Million Grant to Create Countywide Composting Facility and Permanent Household Hazardous Waste Facility



Delaware County recently earned a Solid Waste Infrastructure for Recycling (SWIFR) Grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency worth nearly \$5 million, which will allow them to enhance recycling and diversion of solid waste in the county.

The grant will support the creation of a countywide composting facility and recycling drop off center in Chester Township and a permanent Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection facility in Marple Township. Funding will cover site development, and equipment purchases for these sites along with compost collection and community education in Chester Township for the first few years.

This project represents a multi-year partnership between the Delaware County Office of Sustainability, the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority (DCSWA), and the Delaware County Public Works Department. This will transform the

capabilities of the Solid Waste Authority, allowing them to provide services for the next generation of residents and expand their current capabilities.

“This is a really meaningful grant that will dedicate a lot of money to an important program,” said Delaware County Council member Elaine Paul Schaefer. “This is the type of investment that is going to change behavior and save money across our county, so I’d like to thank our Department of Sustainability and the Solid Waste Authority for their hard work in securing it.”

This project, which will be completed by the end of 2028, is expected to **improve air quality**, **reduce greenhouse gas emissions**, and **divert 12,130 tons of organic waste**, recycling, and household hazardous waste away from landfills or incinerators per year.

The countywide composting facility will be located at DCSWA’s Transfer Station #1 on Concord Road in Chester Township. It will provide additional capacity for organics processing, utilizing aerated static pile technology, which serves to reduce emissions and odors. Yard and food waste will be collected and processed at the site. Businesses, municipalities, residents, and organizations will be encouraged to bring their materials to this site for processing at a reduced tipping fee. This facility will provide Delco residents with new, cost-effective alternatives for **diverting an estimated 12,000 tons of organic waste per year**, which is the heaviest and most expensive to dispose of in landfills and incinerators.

This location will also include a recycling drop off center, which is expected to see an **additional 31.94 tons of recycling processed per year**. This center will offer new resources for residents that do not currently have access to curbside collection services.

The new household hazardous waste facility will be located at DCWSA’s Transfer Station #3 on Sussex Boulevard in Marple Township. The creation of a permanent HHW facility will be critical to protecting Delco’s environment and keeping residents safe by preventing hazardous chemicals from entering landfills, waterways, or the atmosphere. This new facility is **expected to process 97.77 tons of hazardous waste per year, a 25% increase from current levels**.

“We would like to issue a huge thank you to the EPA for funding these projects, as they not only support Zero Waste initiatives and goals outlined in the County’s Sustainability Plan, but also serve to increase accessibility to diversion services in our community,” said Delaware County Sustainability Officer Becca Yurkovich. “We look forward to partnering with our neighboring

departments, the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority, and our dedicated community members over the next few years to deliver these projects.”

The implementation of this grant will include robust community engagement and outreach to spread the word about the importance of Zero Waste, informing residents of the new services available to them. Residents of Chester Township will also get approximately three years of free community composting services to build pride around the new facilities and serve as a thank you for being the host community.

This project represents an important partnership between Delaware County, the DCSWA, and municipalities across the county, providing municipalities with the resources they need to grow and expand their current capabilities.

To learn more about the Delaware County Department of Sustainability, visit delcopa.gov/sustainability. To learn more about the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority, visit delcoswa.org.



Delaware County Cuts Ribbon on Chester Creek Trailhead Improvements



Last week Delaware County cut the ribbon on improvements to the Chester Creek Trailhead on Knowlton Road in Media. The project is highlighted by a parking expansion, including the addition of handicapped parking and improved drainage infrastructure.

“These renovations will improve accessibility to the Chester Creek Trail for years to come, allowing more Delco residents to enjoy the beauty of our county,” said Delaware County Council member Elaine Paul Schaefer. “I want to thank everyone

who has delivered these improvements to our residents, from the Planning Department to our partners in the Delco Delegation in Harrisburg.”

The ribbon cutting celebrated the completion of infrastructure enhancements to the trailhead parking lot, which has long been undersized due to the popularity of the trail. Before these renovations, the trailhead parking lot only had nine parking spaces, making it difficult for residents to enjoy the trail. These upgrades include additional ADA accessible parking spots with improved trail entrances.

The \$378,960 in Local Share Account Grant (LSA) funding for this project was secured by State Representative Leanne Krueger and State Senator John Kane. The commitment of local partners like Rep. Krueger and Sen. Kane to projects like this is critical to their success and improves lives across Delaware County.

The Chester Creek Trail is part of the **Circuit Trails Network** and the **East Coast Greenway**. The Circuit Trails Network aims to connect trails, parks, neighborhoods and natural landscapes across Delaware County and southeast Pennsylvania, while the East Coast Greenway will connect Delaware County to communities from Florida to Maine. Both initiatives will improve the lives of Delco residents, allowing them to walk, bike, and explore the outdoors traveling throughout the county and beyond.

“Delco’s trails are a vital component of what makes our county a better home for all,” said Delaware County Council member Joanne Phillips. “I’m proud to be part of a Council that recognizes the importance of outdoor spaces and has worked to make them available to more residents.”

The work of the Delaware County Planning Department and the Public Works Department was instrumental to this project, with Planning overseeing much of the pre-build process and Public Works ensuring the on-time and sound completion of the project.

Along with the hard work of county departments, these improvements would not have happened without the efforts from the Friends of Chester Creek, who have been long-time stewards of the trail, constantly advocating for improvements for 30+ years and helping transform it into one of Delaware County's premier trails.

To learn more about the Chester Creek Trail, visit chestercreektrail.org.



Delaware County Junior Council Applications Open Until Saturday, August 8

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 **SCAN TO APPLY** 

Delaware County Council is accepting applications for the 2026-27 Junior County Council program, with the deadline to apply being Saturday, August 8. This unique initiative offers high school juniors and seniors from across the County the opportunity to explore local government, engage with public officials, and build leadership skills through real-world civic experience.

Students selected for Junior Council will observe the policymaking process, attend bi-monthly Council meetings, take part in community outreach initiatives, and collaborate with County leaders on public service efforts. The program gives students a front row seat to local government in action, helping them develop public speaking, teamwork, and civic engagement skills.

"Through Junior County Council, we are providing an exciting pathway for young leaders to gain hands-on experience, build confidence, and understand the

real impact they can have on their communities," said Delaware County Council member Dr. Monica Taylor. "I love seeing the energy and optimism these students bring, and I am honored to support the next generation of Delco's public servants."

Delaware County is looking to fill seven openings on Junior Council for the upcoming school year. **Applications are due by Saturday, August 8**, with interviews beginning the following week. Eligible students must be enrolled as rising juniors or seniors at a public or private high school in Delaware County. Students can expect the program to run from mid-September through May. Junior Council members are reliable for their own transportation to and from weekly meetings at the Delaware County Government Center (**201 West Front Street, Media, PA 19063**).

To apply click [here](https://delcopa.gov/council/junior-program). For more information, please go to delcopa.gov/council/junior-program. Please contact SalemJ@co.delaware.pa.us with any questions.

Take Part, Spread the Word, Stay Connected



Litter Clean Up Kits Now Available for Check Out at Delaware County Libraries

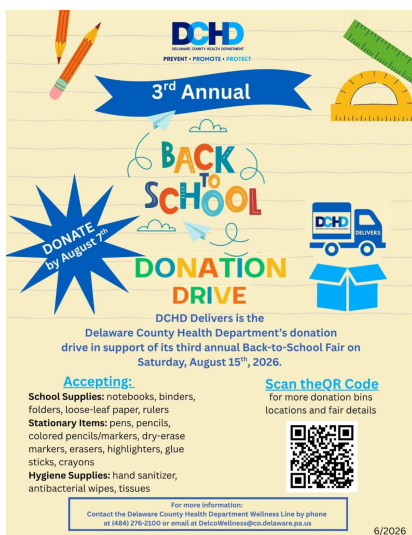
"Team Up to Clean Up" Litter Kits are now available at Delaware County Libraries thanks to a partnership between them at the Delaware County Office of Sustainability. Available to anyone with a Delaware County Libraries' card, these kits provide an easy way for residents to earn volunteer hours, take pride in their community, and become part of the solution to litter. Two litter kits are available at each library, with each kit containing two foldable trash grabbers, two trash bags, two branded high-visibility safety vests, a pack of disinfecting wipes, and an instructional

sheet. For more information, click [here](#).



Delaware County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs to Host Coast Guard Flag Raising on Monday, August 3

The Delaware County Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is hosting a Coast Guard flag raising ceremony on **Monday, August 3 at 12 PM** in front of the Delaware County Courthouse (**201 W. Front St., Media, PA 19063**) to celebrate the Coast Guard's 236th birthday. Veterans of the Coast Guard and other military branches are invited. There will be a gathering beforehand in the County Council Meeting Room at 11 AM and attendees are encouraged to join Col. Arthur Jenkins and others for lunch at Capozzoli's Cafe afterwards. Please visit delcopa.gov/department-military-and-veterans-affairs for more information.



Delaware County Health Department Collecting Items for Back-to-School Donation Drive Until Friday, August 7

The Delaware County Health Department is collecting items for their Back to School Donation Drive across the county until Friday, August 7 ahead of their 3rd Annual Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 15 at the Delaware County Wellness Center (**125 Chester Avenue, Yeadon, PA 19050**). Collection bins can be found at 16 library locations, four county buildings, three YMCA branches, and nine Franklin Mint Credit Union locations across the county. Items being accepted include school supplies, stationary items, and hygiene supplies. For more information, visit delcopa.gov/health/dchd-donation-locations.

Delaware County Health Department to Host 3rd Back-to-School Fair on Saturday, August 15



The Delaware County Health Department is hosting their 3rd Annual Back to School Fair on Saturday, August 15 from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Delaware County Wellness Center (**125 Chester Avenue, Yeadon, PA 19050**). Families will have access to backpacks and school supplies; school-required vaccinations; vision, dental, and health screenings; free haircuts; family and community resources; giveaways; and family friendly activities. Residents can register [here](#) or by calling DCHD's Wellness Line at **484-276-2100**. For more info, visit delcopa.gov/health/backtoschool.



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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