



The Delaware County Digest

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Delaware County Recognizes August as Child Support Awareness Month

The Delaware County Domestic Relations Section is proud to recognize August as Child Support Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about the vital role child support plays in promoting the well-being, stability, and future of children and families throughout the Delco community. Domestic Relations is responsible for establishing, modifying, and enforcing child and spousal support orders, helping to ensure that children receive the financial support they need to prosper.



"We are proud to recognize Child Support Awareness Month and celebrate the great work that our Domestic Relations team does not just this month, but every day," said Delaware County Council Chair Richard Womack.

To commemorate Child Support Awareness Month, Delaware County Domestic Relations has teamed up with Court Appointed Special Advocates for Children (CASA) to give back to the community and the children they serve. Throughout the Summer months, employees have been collecting and donating essential items to CASA. Donations include toiletries, school supplies, and other everyday necessities to help support Delaware County children and young adults.

Any Delaware County employees or community members who would like to participate can drop off donations at the Delaware County Domestic Relations office in the Curran Building at the corner of 2nd and Orange Street in Media with Janice Wallace through Friday, August 14. Every contribution regardless of size will help.

In addition, Delaware County Domestic Relations is excited to host a Lunch and Learn featuring Sheriff Siddiq Kamara as a guest speaker. Sheriff Kamara's commitment to strengthening community engagement, enhancing public safety, fostering trust, and building meaningful partnerships throughout Delco reflects the values that inspire the mission of Domestic Relations.

"Serving Delaware County's most vulnerable residents can often be a thankless job but I look forward to seeing our Domestic Relations team and partners at CASA continue to help our children thrive," said Delaware County Council Vice Chair Christine Reuther.

The mission of the Delaware County Domestic Relations Section extends beyond establishing and enforcing child and spousal support orders. They are committed to promoting the well-being of children, strengthening families, and helping ensure that every child can grow, succeed, and reach their full potential. Whether through daily work or by giving back to the community through partnerships like those with CASA, the County remains dedicated to making a meaningful and lasting difference in the lives of the children and families throughout Delaware County.

For more information, visit delcopa.gov/courts/domestic-relations.

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Missing in America Project Performing Dignified Transfer of Remains of 15 Previously Unclaimed Veterans on Friday, August 14



The previously unclaimed cremains of 7 US Army, 4 US Marine Corps, 3 US Air Force and 1 US Navy veterans will receive a proper military funeral with full military honors.

The Missing in America Project will conduct a ceremony in Pennsylvania. Seven (7) US Army, four (4) US Marine Corps, three (3) US Air Force, and one (1) US Navy veterans, whose unclaimed cremated remains

have been in the custody of the Delaware County Medical Examiner's Office will be honored at **12 PM, Friday, August 14, at the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA.**

The dignified transfer of cremains will begin at 10 AM, from the Delaware County Medical Examiner's Office (**340 N. Middletown Rd., Media, PA 19063**) to Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA. Anyone wishing to participate in this procession must be present for the pre-ride safety briefing provided 15 minutes before departure.

The purpose of the Missing in America Project is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed cremated remains of veterans, and their eligible dependents, through the joint efforts of private, state and federal organizations; to provide honor and respect to those who have served this country, by securing a final resting place for these forgotten Heroes. For more information, visit miap.us.

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Delaware County Unveils Walk Roll Delco Active Transportation Plan

Delaware County recently unveiled Walk Roll Delco, their Active Transportation Plan that will improve safety and convenience for residents who walk, bike, or use mobility devices throughout



the County. The plan was finalized by the Delaware County Planning Department in April and approved at Delaware County Council's July meeting.

The plan, which will be implemented in the coming years, will institute a variety of infrastructure improvements and strategies alongside municipalities and PennDOT to make walking and cycling safer across the county.

"The plan establishes a long-term vision to create a balanced transportation plan that prioritizes safety, accessibility, and comfort for pedestrians and cyclists of all ages and abilities while outlining specific infrastructure improvements, programs, and strategies that will achieve these goals," said Delaware County Planning Director Gina Burritt.

Research done as part of Walk Roll Delco determined that between 2018 and 2022, there were 1,035 reported crashes involving a cyclist or pedestrian in Delaware County. Further, 19% of pedestrian crashes involved serious injury or fatality, and half of pedestrians involved in all crashes were walking in the street.

Throughout the process, the Planning Department has engaged the public in the process outlining the vision, goals, design guidelines, policy recommendations, and implementation strategies. They received **more than 1,700 responses to a public survey**, which included safety ambassadors going into communities across Delaware County to learn about traffic safety issues in different neighborhoods. The survey determined that **35% of Delco residents walk, bike, use transit, or a mobility device every day**. Meanwhile, **13.7% of respondents said they might bike more if there were protected bike lanes**.

The survey identified three main issues plaguing Delaware County's transportation network: missing infrastructure (ex: lack of sidewalks or separated bike lanes), inadequate protection from danger in existing infrastructure, and missing connectivity.

Research found that Delaware County currently has 24 miles of shared lanes, four miles of bike lanes, 61 miles of paved trails, and 3,845 miles of sidewalk. **The proposed network would add 261.4 miles of connections to the existing network**, which would include:

- 65 miles of greenways (routes through open space for walking and biking)
- 72 miles of bikeways (on-road biking facilities)
- 55 miles of bike boulevards (routes that provide a comfortable biking experience for all riding abilities through signage, intersection improvements, and volume/speed management techniques)
- 34 miles of sidepaths (shared use paths parallel to a roadway)
- 39 miles of reimagined high-volume roads that reimagine road segments to comfortably accommodate multiple modes of transportation, increase safety, and provide a greater sense of place

"I'm really glad we are moving forward with this plan," said Delaware County Council member Elaine Paul Schaefer. "This will not only allow us to achieve many of the goals of Walk Roll Delco, but it will also help us check off a lot of the boxes in our Sustainability Plan. They align very closely, and it's not just about active transportation. It's about getting the vehicles off the road and reducing carbon emissions as well."

Walk Roll Delco further advances the work of the Vision Zero Delco Safety Action Plan, which was approved by Council in February 2025 and aims to eliminate traffic-related fatalities by evaluating road design, speed limits, infrastructure, and more to prevent crashes.

Council's adoption of the plan allows the Planning Department to move forward with recommendations and seek grant funding while working with local and statewide partners to implement the recommendations.

To learn more about Walk Roll Delco and read the full 72-page report, visit gis.delcopa.gov/portal/apps/sites/#/walk-roll-delco. To learn more about the work of the Planning Department, visit delcopa.gov/planning.

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



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DELAWARE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

3rd Annual

Tdap & MCV4 Vaccines for Rising 7th & 12th Grade Students

Backpacks and School Supplies

Giveaways & Resources

School & Sport Physicals

Vision Screenings

Dental Screenings

Haircuts

Face painting

BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR

Date: Saturday, August 15, 2026
Time: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Location: Delaware County Wellness Center
125 Chester Avenue, Yeadon, PA 19050

Registration is **REQUIRED** for backpacks, immunizations, and physicals. Please use the QR code to register. If interested in a **physical**, please call our Wellness Line at 484-276-2100.

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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 (must qualify); vision, dental, and health screenings; free haircuts; family and community resources; giveaways; and family friendly activities. Services and supplies will be available while resources last.

Vaccines will include Tdap and MCV4 (Meningococcal). They will be available to qualifying students entering 7th or 12th grade.

Families will have the opportunity to connect with organizations and programs that support children and families throughout Delaware County, including health, educational, recreational, and social service resources. Participating partners include Delaware County Libraries, Keystone First, Kids Smiles, Eagles Eye Mobile, YMCA of Eastern Delaware County, and Franklin Mint Credit Union.

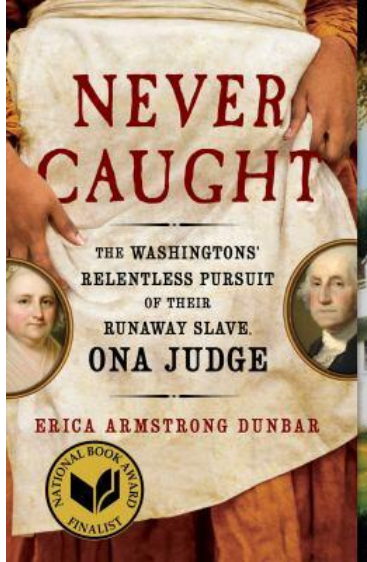
Residents can register [here](#) or by calling DCHD's Wellness Line at **484-276-2100**. Please also contact the Wellness Line for eligibility requirements. For more info, visit delcopa.gov/health/backtoschool.

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2026 Revolutionary Reads Title Announced

Each year, the Revolutionary Reads committee selects a title examining some aspect of the era of the American Revolution to be that year's Community Read. This year the committee has chosen *Never Caught: the Washingtons' Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge* by Erica Armstrong Dunbar.

Erica Armstrong Dunbar is NEH Professor in the Humanities and Professor of African American studies at Emory University. Her first book was *A Fragile Freedom: African American Women and Emancipation in the Antebellum City*. *Never Caught*, her second book, was a finalist for the National Book Award in nonfiction and a winner of the Frederick Douglass Book Award. Dunbar has also written several highly accessible biographies including a young reader's edition of *Never Caught*, *She Came to Slay: The Life and Times of Harriet Tubman*, and *Susie King Taylor: Nurse, Teacher & Freedom Fighter*. She has recently served as the Co-Executive Producer of the HBO series *The Gilded Age*.



Revolutionary Reads will culminate with a visit from the author on **Tuesday, October 27 at 6:30 PM** hosted by Widener University. This event is free and open to the public. Dunbar will discuss her book, which tells the story of Ona Judge, who left everything she knew to escape to New England and then became the subject of an intense manhunt, led by George Washington, in an attempt to recapture his property.

“Widener is delighted to host the Revolutionary Reads Community Read event for the fifth consecutive year and to welcome Dr. Erica Armstrong Dunbar to our campus. Her work exemplifies the power of scholarship to uncover stories that enrich our understanding of a pivotal period in American history,” said Widener University President Stacey Robertson. “I look forward to joining Dr. Dunbar in conversation and welcoming readers from across Delaware County for an evening of learning, reflection and community engagement.”

Revolutionary Reads will also include Book Club in a Bag totes for checkout at Delaware County Libraries locations, book clubs hosted at libraries and other organizations across Delaware County, and more. Check out a copy of the book today from your local library. The title is also available in Libby, DCL's eBook and audiobook library.

“We are honored to welcome Erica Armstrong Dunbar for this, our fifth year of Revolutionary Reads and the year of the Semiquincentennial,” said Anny Laepple, Director of Delaware County Libraries. “*Never Caught* provides an enlightening look at a little-known figure in history and the circumstances surrounding her quest for freedom.”

The Revolutionary Reads Community Read is presented by Widener University, Delaware County Libraries, and Radnor Historical Society, in partnership with America250PA Delco. It is supported by a grant from the Philadelphia Funder Collaborative for the Semiquincentennial. More information can be found at delcolibraries.org/revolutionary-reads.

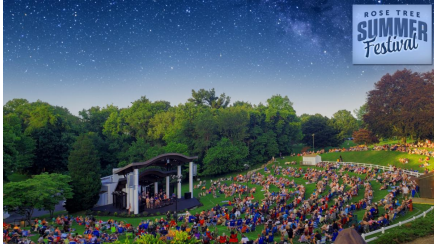
Widener University is a private institution known for its commitment to the personal and professional success of every student, where academic experiences are distinguished by excellence and students develop the leadership qualities employers seek. Core values of respect, integrity and excellence are reflected in an outstanding student experience provided through an agile, innovative and inclusive approach to learning. Industry-shaping faculty provide close, personal mentorship and share powerful connections that help students build professional networks. Recognized as one of the Philadelphia region's leading universities, Widener offers programs and experiences that empower our community of learners to discover and create better futures as scholars, leaders and globally engaged citizens. Visit the university website at widener.edu.

Delaware County Libraries is an agency of county government that provides support services for 26 independent member libraries. For information about the wide range of library services available to all county residents, visit delcolibraries.org. Find More | Do More with the DelcoReads mobile app.

The Radnor Historical Society is committed to preserve, protect, present, and promote the history of Radnor Township. Since 1947, the Radnor Historical Society has been working to promote their mission. Volunteers help archive the collection, promote events, and maintain the Finley House. Visit their website at radnorhistory.org.

Take Part, Spread the Word, Stay Connected

Rose Tree Summer Festival Ends This Sunday, August 16!



Delaware County encourages residents to stop by Rose Tree Park before the 51st Annual Summer Festival ends on Sunday, August 16. This week, residents can see the U.S. Army Field Band & Soldiers' Chorus (Thursday), Cimarron 615 & Craig Bickhardt (Friday), The Discoteks (Saturday), and Sensational Soul Cruisers (Sunday). Please note that shows will not be rescheduled due to inclement weather. To

learn more, visit delcopa.gov/parks/summer-festival.



Delaware County to Celebrate National Senior Citizens Day on Thursday, August 20 in Brookhaven

Delaware County is celebrating National Senior Citizens Day on **August 20, 2026, at 9:30 AM** at the Redwood Center in Upland Park (**280 6th Street, Brookhaven, PA**

19015). The event, which is designed to celebrate and honor Delco's older adults, will include bingo, Name That Tune, prizes, light refreshments, and much more. Interested residents must register by contacting COSA's Health and Wellness Program Manager, Ellen Williams, at **610-499-1937** or by email at williamse@co.delaware.pa.us. When registering, please provide your name, phone number and email address.



Delaware County Looking to Fill Three Openings on Sustainability Commission

Delaware County is looking to fill three openings on the Sustainability Commission. The board advises County Council on policies and best practices that promote environmental protection, energy efficiency, and sustainable development. The County is looking for **two members of the**

general public with an interest and/or expertise in sustainability (one with term through September 2028 and one with term through September 2029) and **one municipal representative representing a municipality within the county** (term through September 2029). The deadline to apply is Friday, September 4 and more information can be found at delcopa.gov/clerk/board-vacancies.



COSA Offering Acclaimed Virtual Chronic Pain Self-Management Program on Tuesdays, September 15 to October 20

Delaware County Office of Services for the Aging (COSA), in collaboration with the PA Department of Aging, is offering the acclaimed Power Over Pain: Chronic Self-Management Program for residents 60 years or older living with chronic pain. The program will be held virtually on Zoom on

Tuesdays, September 15 through October 20 from 1-3:30 PM. This program is **FREE** through support from COSA and the PA Department of Aging. Space is limited and registration is required. To register, contact COSA Health and Wellness Program Manager Ellen Williams at **610-499-1937** or williamse@co.delaware.pa.us. Interested residents should provide their name, address, phone number, and email when registering.



Signups for Delco 10 Miler Remain Open!

Residents are encouraged to sign up for the 2nd Annual Delco 10 Miler, scheduled for **Sunday, October 4**. Like last year, the race will begin at Rose Tree Park in Media and end at Subaru Park in Chester with a celebration at Union Yards. Organizers have already seen over 1,750 runners sign up and have fewer than 750 spots left, so residents are encouraged to sign up ASAP. Please note that there is a 13:30 per mile pace requirement. If you aren't interested in running, please consider signing up to volunteer. For more information, visit delco10miler.com.



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