



The Delaware County Digest

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1 Delaware County Unveils \$5.6 Million in Renovations to Kitchen at Fair Acres Geriatric Facility

Delaware County officials gathered yesterday at the Fair Acres Geriatric Center in Media to cut the ribbon on \$5.6 million in upgrades to the kitchen and dining areas of the County's award-winning skilled care facility. Delaware County Council Chair Richard Womack and Council member Joanne Phillips were joined by members of the Delco delegation to the PA House and Senate.

"The upgrades we've done at Fair Acres are long overdue," said Chair Womack. "We owe it to our aging community to do everything in our power to deliver for them, and we're doing that with millions in upgrades to Fair Acres because it's what our seniors deserve."



The long-overdue renovations **replace equipment** that was past its usable lifespan, **expand food preparation areas**, and offer Fair Acres residents a **brighter, more welcoming dining space**. The renovations are the first major upgrades to the space after 20+ years. For decades, kitchen staff at Fair Acres provided award-winning food services to Fair Acres residents despite the aging equipment and tight spaces.

Last year, recognizing the need for upgrades to the nutritional delivery system at Fair Acres, County Council moved to post a Request for Proposal for bids on the project. Construction then began in July of 2025, led by the County's Director of Public Works Danielle Floyd and her team in close partnership with Fair Acres Executive Director Bill D'Amico's team.

The enhancements include:

- A renovated dining space for residents
- A wider range of menu options
- New kitchen equipment, including:
 - State-of-the-art meal delivery system
 - Blast-freezers
 - New walk-in fridges
 - Refreshed cookware across the kitchen area

The renovations are proudly union made. The winning bid, made by the TN Ward Company, met all the criteria to be awarded a Contractor Responsibility Certification – a result of the Responsible Contractors Ordinance (RCO) championed by County Council Chair Richard Womack in 2022. The RCO defines a set of guidelines that any firm seeking to do business with the County of Delaware must prove they do business honestly, equitably, and employ union labor.

The upgrades made follow the renovations made in 2024 to the facility's top three floors, which saw hundreds of new beds added for residents, a new HVAC system, as well as resident lounges, nurses' stations, and employee break rooms. Delco is committed to continuing to improve this crucial regional support for our older folks – as evidenced by the renovations being unveiled today.

Fair Acres Geriatric Center is the County of Delaware owned and operated skilled nursing facility. Fair Acres is the largest skilled nursing facility in Delaware County and offers Delco residents long term care, short term rehabilitation, respite care, and hospice services. Fair Acres is a member of the Pennsylvania Association of County Affiliated Homes and serves as a geriatric training site for local colleges, universities and nursing schools.

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Delaware County Council Celebrates Opening of Neighborhood Hospital in Aston



On Thursday night, Council member Dr. Monica Taylor was proud to represent Delaware County Council at the ribbon cutting for ChristianaCare's new neighborhood hospital opening in Aston.

The opening of this facility marks the first new hospital in Delaware County since the closure of the Crozer system in early 2025, with ChristianaCare planning to open another one next year in Springfield.

“We have a chance to build a system that stretches across all of Delco,” said Delaware County Council member Dr. Monica Taylor. “One that brings care back into communities that have had to do without it, one that is stable and invests in building healthy and thriving places where patients can start their lives with the best care possible and stay with providers they trust.”

Delaware County Council worked alongside ChristianaCare, local business leaders, elected officials, and the community to identify Aston as the ideal location for this new campus. The ChristianaCare Aston Campus will include an **emergency department** and stay open **24 hours a day, seven days a week** with a **10-bed inpatient unit** for those who require overnight hospital stays, observation, and testing. In addition to the emergency department and 10-bed inpatient unit, the second floor of the facility will house a health center offering an array of outpatient services tailored to community needs. This will include primary and specialty care practices, imaging, and other clinical services.

At Thursday's event, Dr. Taylor was joined by healthcare professionals, members of the ChristianaCare team, individuals from the local community, and State Rep. Leanne Krueger. The event included reflections from stakeholders associated with the new hospital, a ribbon cutting, and a tour of the state-of-the-art facility.

The Crozer system was owned by Prospect Medical Holdings, which was controlled by a private equity firm that prioritized profits over the wellbeing of Delaware County residents. Prospect closed all four Crozer hospitals between 2022 and 2025, abandoning Delco residents and allowing Prospect's owners to line their pockets before walking away.

Delaware County has been fighting to reopen the shuttered hospitals, allow residents to access medical records, and regain access to the healthcare they're entitled to. For updates on the status of Crozer facilities, visit delcopa.gov/health/prospect-medical-bankruptcy-update.

Dr. Taylor reiterated Council's support of reopening hospitals across the county and their appreciation for the work ChristianaCare is doing to keep Delco residents healthy.

"When Prospect turned their backs on our neighbors, Christiana turned toward us," said Dr. Taylor. "They stepped forward, and they stepped up, to invest in themselves, in us, and in the future of healthcare in Delaware County."

For more information about healthcare in Delaware County, please call the Delaware County Health Department's Wellness Line at **484-276-2100**.

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Delaware County Council Joins Local Partners to Restore Green Lawn Cemetery in Chester



Last week, Delaware County Council member Joanne Phillips visited Green Lawn Cemetery in Chester to check on progress being made on the restoration of the cemetery, which honors African American veterans dating back to the Civil War and is a staple of the Chester community.

Phillips was joined by US Representative Mary Gay Scanlon, State Representative Leanne Krueger, Delaware County Director of Military & Veterans Affairs Colonel Arthur Jenkins, volunteers from the Williamson College of the Trades in Media, and members of the Friends of Green Lawn Cemetery.

They spent the afternoon speaking with volunteers, restoring the cemetery, and learning about the importance of the site.

The Green Lawn Cemetery was founded by Lawrence Murray in 1907 to serve the African American community in Chester and across Delaware County. The cemetery houses at least 2,000 burials, including the graves of at least 250 veterans who fought in the Civil War, World War I, World War II, and more. There has been particular attention paid to revitalizing the headstones of these veterans from Col. Jenkins and his team at Military & Veterans Affairs, who have connected with the family of veterans buried there and coordinated revitalization efforts.

These revitalization efforts have been led by Friends of Green Lawn, an all-volunteer non-profit organization focused on restoring and preserving the grounds of Green Lawn Cemetery while documenting its historical and cultural significance to Delaware County. They recognize that Green Lawn serves as an outdoor museum, archive, and library for the Chester African American community, where the rich history of the area can be shared in the presence of people who were a part of this history.

Work to restore the cemetery will continue in collaboration with County Council, Friends of Green Lawn, and other local partners to ensure that this sacred ground is preserved as a place of dignity, respect, and honor. To learn more, please visit greenlawnchester.org or email DelcoVA@co.delaware.pa.us.

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Delaware County Celebrates Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month



Last Sunday, Delaware County Council member Dr. Monica Taylor celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month at the Delaware County AAPI Heritage Festival at Naylor's Run Park in Upper Darby.

The festival brought together families, community organizations, cultural groups, and local leaders to celebrate AAPI heritage and culture across Delaware County. This year's event was expanded to include health and wellness initiatives that have a profound impact across the county.

"The Delco AAPI Heritage Festival is a wonderful opportunity to gather to honor the richness of cultures, traditions, and contributions of communities with Asian and Pacific Island heritage across the country and right here in Delaware County," said Delaware County Council member Dr. Monica Taylor.

Attendees reflected on the impact Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have had, from scientific research and medical innovation to entrepreneurship and technological advancement. The contributions members of the AAPI community across Delco stretch from breakthroughs in healthcare to contributions to film, literature, education, and public service that continue to enrich the cultural and civic life of our county. Offerings also included a variety of culinary delights from many different cultures represented in Asian and Pacific Island cultures, from savory street food to sweet treats.

AAPI Heritage Month was officially designated by the federal government in 1992, with the month of May chosen to commemorate two historical events: the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants to the US in May of 1843, and the completion of the transcontinental railroad, which relied heavily on Chinese immigrant labor, in May of 1869.

According to the most recent US Census data, 7% of Delaware County's population is ethnically Asian, which is 150% of the statewide average and 10% more than the national average as well. Delaware County is home to several hubs for Asian American life that highlight their contributions to our county, from the vibrant South Asian community in Millbourne to peaceful spaces like the Soji Zen Center in Drexel Hill. Upper Darby itself accounts for over a quarter of Delco's Asian population, with Radnor, Marple, and Haverford Townships combining for roughly another quarter.

Delco is also home to the Philip Jaisohn Memorial House, a small but powerful site nestled in a quiet corner of Media. It honors the legacy of Dr. Philip Jaisohn, marking the house where he lived for 25 years while serving as a visionary in medicine, civil rights, and public service, advocating for Korean independence and leading his daily life as a proud Delaware County resident. The House displays historic photos, records, and relics, along with a beautiful garden surrounding the house, all of which is free to access. For more information, visit jaisohn.org/jaisohn-house.

Delaware County looks forward to continuing to celebrate the rich heritage of Asian American and Pacific Islanders throughout the county and the nation for the rest of May and beyond. For

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Delaware County Government Offices to be Closed Monday, May 25 in Observance of Memorial Day

All Delaware County government offices will be closed on Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day. The County will resume normal operations on Tuesday, May 26 at 8:30 AM. 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
- Upper Chichester Township Summer Camp

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



Delaware County to Celebrate Opening of 7.2-Mile Cycling Corridor with Bike-the-Pike Community Ride in Sharon Hill on Saturday, May 30

Join Delaware County and local municipalities for the Bike-the-Pike community ride on **Saturday, May 30 at 9:30 AM**. This free event marks the opening of a 7.2-mile cycling corridor along Chester Pike going through Sharon Hill, Glenolden, Norwood, Prospect Park, and Ridley Park. The event will kick off with a ribbon cutting at **116 Clifton Ave.**,

Sharon Hill, PA 19079. Register [here](#).

PennEnvironment to Host Delco Environmental Expo in Media on Saturday, May 30



PennEnvironment,
State Senator
Tim Kearney,
State Representative
Jennifer O'Mara
and Members of the Delco
Legislative Delegation
PRESENT

Delco Environmental Expo

SATURDAY, MAY 30TH | 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



ROSE TREE PARK
1671 N PROVIDENCE ROAD
MEDIA, PA 19063



With special guest
US Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon



Please join PennEnvironment for their Delco Environmental Expo from 11 AM to 1 PM on Saturday, May 30 at Rose Tree Park (1671 N. Providence Rd., Media, PA 19063). This event will feature members of the Delco Delegation in Harrisburg, Representative Mary Gay Scanlon, and local environmental groups/businesses. This is a great opportunity to hear from elected officials, talk with experts in the fields of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and electric vehicles, and learn about current policy initiatives in Delaware County. To learn more and register, click [here](#).



Delaware County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs to Hold Veteran Resource Fair on Saturday, June 6 in Sharon Hill

The Delaware County Department of Military & Veterans Affairs is hosting their Veteran Resource Fair on **Saturday, June 6 from 11 AM to 3 PM** at First African Baptist Church (901 Clifton Avenue, Sharon Hill, PA 19079). Local veterans are encouraged to come and connect with local organizations providing VA benefits/services, employment assistance, housing resources, health/wellness, education/training, and more. For more information, visit delcopa.gov/department-military-and-veterans-affairs or call 610-891-4645.



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.



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