



Shove Off Day, Saturday, May 25: Educational and cultural gatherings sponsored by the Delaware City Library and Fort Delaware State Park

10:00 “African Americans and the Civil War” with Kathy Trusty, Delaware Humanities. At the Delaware City Library, 250 Fifth St., Delaware City

11:00 Interact with the 3rd Regiment, United States Colored Troops Reenactors. At the Delaware City Library, 250 Fifth St., Delaware City

3:00 “Voices from the Past: Pvt. James H. Elbert, USCT” with Willis Phelps. At Fort Delaware. An FAUCC program sponsored by Fort Delaware State Park.

NOTE: To attend the 3:00 program, board the ferry at Delaware City Battery Park no later than 2:00 PM. Ferry fee required.

Friday, June 7, 6 PM:

Delaware City’s own Suite Franchon celebrates Juneteenth in Music, Poetry, and Storytelling. At the Delaware City Library, 250 Fifth St., Delaware City.

Sunday, June 16, Father’s Day

10:00 Mount Salem U.A.M.E. Church invites the community to a special Juneteenth worship service with their congregation, 305 4th St., Delaware City.

12:00 Community Cookout. Everyone is invited to a traditional community cookout offered by the Mount Salem U.A.M.E Church congregation on the church grounds. With Poetry Performance by Suite Franchon, the Hamans Family Choir, and others (TBA) celebrating Black history and culture.

Sunday, June 16 through Friday, June 21: Contemporary photography exhibit by E. Lynn Dilliplane, “Landscapes of the Delaware Harriett Tubman Underground Railroad Byway” at The Central Hotel Petite Social, 85 Clinton St., Delaware City. Sponsored by Main Street Delaware City, Inc.

Juneteenth, Wednesday, June 19: The federal holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States

10:00 AM: Juneteenth Memorial Service, a solemn Ceremony at the African Union Church Cemetery in honor of those who have fought and who continue to fight for freedom. Walk to 1840 Michael N. Castle Trail, Delaware City; enter from 5th Street across from Community Center. Accessible transportation available for persons with mobility challenges. Sponsored by the Friends of the African Union Church Cemetery.

6:00 PM. to 9:00 PM: *Best Kept Soul*, an evening of R&B and Soul at the bandstand in Battery Park, 31 Clinton St., Delaware City. Sponsored by Main Street Delaware City, Inc.

Between May 25-June 19: The Delaware City Library will host a writing and art work challenge for youth. Awards offered by Fort Delaware State Park. More information to follow.