



Current Connections

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We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to **Northeast Paving and Sealcoat** for their outstanding work in resurfacing and expanding the sports court area at the Delaware Youth Center. Thanks to their skillful execution and attention to detail, the upgraded space now includes additional pickleball courts, providing even more opportunities for recreation and community engagement. This exciting improvement was made possible through the support of the Sullivan 180 Silver Feather Community Impact Grant, and we're incredibly grateful to be its recipient. With summer just around the corner, we can't wait to see the courts buzzing with activity and smiles all season long.

Thank you for supporting the 27th Annual River Run, Sunday, July 20, 2025.



2026 Bethel Woods Season Lawn Passes (2)
Forestburgh Playhouse Main Stage Tickets (2)
Forestburgh Playhouse Family 4 Pack to Shrek The Musical
Dorney Park Tickets (2)
Villa Roma Golf for 4 with Cart
DYC Family Membership
Plus more to follow!



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Don't have cash? Pay online!

TICKETS ARE \$10 EACH OR 3 FOR \$25

Official Raffle Ticket, please retain as proof of purchase. Winners do NOT need to be present on race day.

Meet the Heart of Our Community

Carolyn Simon

Can you tell us a little about yourself and how you got involved in DYC?

My name is Carolyn Simon, and I live in the beautiful Beachwoods area. My family's connection to the Delaware Youth Center began when my children took swim lessons there—and from that moment on, we were hooked. The DYC quickly became a big part of our lives, not just for the programs, but because of the friendships and sense of community it fosters. Over the years, our involvement has grown naturally—from attending events to volunteering—and it's been wonderful to watch the Center continue to bring people together.



What is your favorite DYC memory?

One of my favorite DYC memories is a recent one: I've had the joy of being "The Easter Bunny" for the past few years, and it's truly so much fun! Seeing the excitement on the kids' faces and being part of a tradition that brings so much happiness to families is incredibly heartwarming. It's those little moments that really highlight what makes the DYC so special.

What is your vision for the Center?

My vision for the Center is simple but meaningful—I'd love to see it continue to thrive as a gathering place for the community. Whether it's through events, youth programs, or just a welcoming space for people to connect, I hope the DYC remains a vibrant heart of our town for generations to come.



A heartfelt thank you goes out to the "Retired Renovators", a dedicated group of volunteers who generously donated their time and talent to give the DYC meeting room a much-needed makeover. Their craftsmanship, attention to detail, and tireless efforts brought new life to the space, transforming it into a warm and welcoming environment for all who use it. The quality of their work is nothing short of top-notch, and we couldn't be happier with the final result. We are truly grateful for their contribution—it's a lasting gift that will benefit our community for years to come.

Spring Garden & Craft Fair

Thank You to Our Wonderful Vendors and Community!

We'd like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all the amazing vendors and community members who joined us for the 1st **DYC Spring & Garden Craft Fair!**

While the weather may have kept some folks home, those who attended enjoyed a lovely day of shopping, reconnecting with old friends, and supporting the DYC. Your presence, participation, and positivity helped make our first event a memorable one. To our vendors—thank you for your creativity, hard work, and for bringing such a beautiful variety of goods to share with the community.

To our guests—thank you for showing up, supporting local makers, and being part of this growing tradition.

We're already looking forward to the next one!



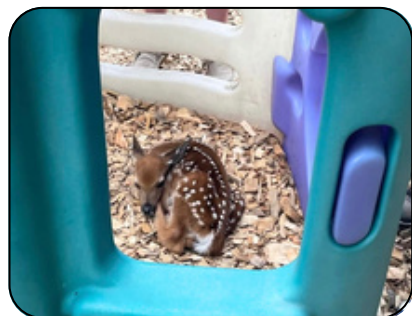
29th Annual Tractor Parade

Get ready for the 29th Annual Tractor Parade, rolling down Main Street with a stunning display of everything from antique classics to modern powerhouses! It's a day packed with camaraderie, family fun, and community spirit as we celebrate our agricultural roots in style. While you enjoy the sights and sounds, grab a box of fresh popcorn—courtesy of the Delaware Youth Center's brand-new popcorn machine—perfect for snacking as the tractors roll by. Don't miss your chance to pre-order your **commemorative t-shirt** [here](#) and treat yourself to a mouthwatering **BBQ chicken or pulled pork meal** [here](#). Plus, [enter our raffle](#) for a chance to win a WOW Super Slide—a 26-foot-long slip and slide that promises endless summer fun! Tickets are just 3 for \$5. Gotta be in it to win it! Come for the parade, stay for the BBQ and our famous hay bale throwing contest—there's something for everyone!



Delaware River Race

The Delaware River Race is right around the corner—and it's our biggest fundraiser of the year! Join us for this exciting event that brings runners and walkers together in support of the Delaware Youth Center. [Registration](#) is now open, and early bird pricing ends on June 15th, so sign up today to save a few dollars and secure your spot. Local businesses—there's still a short window to [become a race sponsor](#)! Sponsors receive valuable advertising, a feature in the special July edition of *Current Connections*, and the satisfaction of supporting a truly worthy cause. Let's make this year's race the best one yet!



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Have an idea or want to spearhead an event? We'd love to hear from you! Reach out to us at events@delawareyouthcenter.org to share your vision and help bring it to life. Whether it's a new activity, fundraiser, or community gathering, we're always excited to collaborate and support fresh ideas that bring people together. Let's make something great happen—together!

thank you

A heartfelt thank you to **Mullally Tractor Sales** for generously providing equipment that made our spring clean-up possible, and to the amazing **Sullivan West students** and **Dan Peters** who donated their time and energy to help refresh the Delaware Youth Center grounds. Your hard work—especially spreading mulch, donated by **Hofer Log & Lumber** and delivered by **Brandon Peters** throughout the playground—made a huge difference and helped get everything ready for a safe and fun summer season. We're so grateful for your support and community spirit!

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Mark your calendars—our Membership Drive is happening on **Saturday, June 7th from 9 AM to 1 PM!** Whether you're renewing or joining for the first time, you can take care of your membership either **online or in person** that day. Please note that **swim lesson sign-ups must be done in person**, so be sure to stop by early to secure your spot. While you're there, pick up a copy of our **summer program calendar** and see all the exciting events we have planned. We can't wait to welcome everyone back for another great season at the Delaware Youth Center!