

Local Government LINK

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Local Government Training Events and Information

Registration and links to details about the following can be accessed online at www.ipa.udel.edu/events.html.

■ New Mayor and Council Members' Orientation

Friday, June 10th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., UD Paradee Center, Dover

■ Municipal Clerks Training Series

The University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration conducts an annual series of training sessions for municipal clerks, enrolling municipal and county staff throughout the State of Delaware and the tidewater region of Maryland. Participation in this training over a three-year cycle satisfies the educational requirements for the CMC (Certified Municipal Clerk) designation. The first class of a new series will begin on September 16. For more information, contact Doug Tuttle (302-831-0718 or dougt@udel.edu).

Municipal Clerk Recognized

Traci A. McDowell, Assistant City Clerk for the City of Dover, has been awarded the designation of "Certified Municipal Clerk" (CMC) from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) for achieving the organization's high educational and service requirements. Ms. McDowell, who has been employed by the City of Dover for seven years, achieved her CMC designation through completion of the IIMC-approved Municipal Clerks Institute Program offered by the University of Delaware's Institute for Public Administration. She is now one of 15 active Municipal Clerks within the State of Delaware who have achieved CMC status.

Georgetown Launches Municipal Website

Congratulations to the Town of Georgetown for its e-government efforts that have culminated in the recent launch of its initial website, www.georgetowndel.com. It is a good, new example of a cleanly designed, easy-to-use portal for municipal information/interaction and should serve the town well. See www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/dllg to see what other Delaware municipalities and counties are doing with respect to serving the public online.

First Annual DLLG Lobby Day

The Delaware League of Local Governments (DLLG) will sponsor the first annual "Lobby Day" on Wednesday, June 8, 2005, at Legislative Hall in Dover. Lobby Day activities are scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. with DLLG members presenting the organization's legislative agenda and "wish-list."

A dinner at W. T. Smither's Restaurant is scheduled after the day's legislative session. For further information, contact Executive Director George Wright (302-678-0991 or gwright@udel.edu). For updates to this agenda, please check www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/dllg/lobbyday.asp.

Planning Services Update

Mobility Friendly Design Standards Summit 2

A collaborative effort among IPA, TMA Delaware, DelDOT, and OSPC, the second Mobility Friendly Design Standards Summit was held on April 11 at the John M. Clayton Hall Conference Center on the University of Delaware's Laird Campus in Newark. With more than 100 people in attendance, the summit served to illustrate the priorities on which the Mobility Friendly Design Committee has chosen to focus. The first summit, held in February 2004, laid out over 30 specific recommendations on how to restructure Delaware's regulatory environment to encourage mobility-friendly development. Information is available at www.ipa.udel.edu/infrastructure/mfds/.

Comprehensive Plans

Delaware's municipalities continue to work on updating their comprehensive plans.

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Interested in Receiving Local Government Information & Updates by E-mail?

DLLG and the IPA are interested in expanding their services to the state's municipalities by offering information and updates related to local governments via e-mail (e.g., training events, grant opportunities, pending legislation). If you (or your municipality) would like to be added to the list, please sign up on IPA's local government e-mail page (www.ipa.udel.edu/localgovt/email.asp).

MPA Career-Enhancement Option

What do a minister, a police officer, and a social service administrator all have in common? All are graduates of the University of Delaware's part-time Master of Public Administration (MPA) program, now called the "Career Enhancement Program."

Designed so that busy professionals can earn their MPA in just three and a half years, the University of Delaware's fully accredited MPA program is recruiting part-time students for the fall 2005 semester. Formerly the Mid-Career Option, the restructured program will admit a cohort of students every fall, as opposed to every other year, and will admit students with any number of years of experience. The MPA is the standard professional degree for anyone desiring to advance their career in government or nonprofit management—much as the MBA is aimed at those pursuing careers in the private sector.

For more information, visit UD's School of Urban Affairs & Public Policy on the web at www.udel.edu/suapp/degrees/mpa/pt/index.htm or contact Dr. Maria Aristigueta, Director of the MPA program (302-831-1687 or suapp@udel.edu).

Join a cohort of your peers in enhancing your government and nonprofit career today!

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The municipalities of Frederica, Milford, Newark, Bethany Beach, Delmar, and Dover had comprehensive plans or updates/amendments of existing plans reviewed through the State's Preliminary Land Use Service (PLUS) in February and March. IPA is currently working with several towns to complete plans or plan updates/amendments, including Bethany Beach, Clayton, Dewey Beach, Lewes, Middletown, and Townsend.

"Main Street Approach"

More and more of Delaware's municipalities are utilizing the "Main Street Approach" as one method of attracting economic development to their communities. Tasked with revitalizing older, traditional business districts, the approach focuses on the concepts of organization, promotion, design, and economic restructuring in order to achieve community revitalization. More information on the approach and how it be implemented within your community can be found at www.mainstreet.org.

GIS Information

The 2005 Delaware GIS Conference was held on April 21 at the Atlantic Sands Hotel in Rehoboth Beach and touched on many topics regarding how municipalities can utilize GIS. GIS technology is even accessible to municipalities that don't have GIS systems in place. Users can now browse a vast amount of parcel-based data for all three counties and the entire state. This information can be found at the following sites:

- Sussex County Online Map Viewer: map.sussexcountyde.gov
- New Castle County eParcelView: dmz-arcims02.co.newcastle.de.us/website/nccparcelmap2/
- Kent County SmartMap: smartmap.com/kent_co/
- Delaware DataMIL: datamil.delaware.gov

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