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News

History was made here: Prince George's Chapel

Dagsboro landmark was built in 1755 and named for the English prince who would later become King George III.

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Nave of Prince George's Chapel

Division to sponsor 11 special events during July 2019

Independence Day, baseball Hall-of-Famer William "Judy" Johnson and campfires at the John Dickinson Plantation to be featured.

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Division welcomes new staff members

New employees strengthen the agency's business, collections, horticulture, museums and preservation-maintenance services.

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Division seeks physical plant maintenance/trades mechanic

Application deadline: July 2, 2019

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Division now offering tours of the hull of the DeBraak, a shipwrecked 18th-century British warship

Tours taking place through Sept. 26, 2019.

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Help Save Delaware History

Delaware to hold conversation on historic preservation issues

Delaware Public Media, June 21, 2019

State Historic Preservation Office to host preservation symposium on June 26, 2019.

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This historic church will be reborn as housing for seniors

Washington Post, D.C.—June 14, 2019

Historic preservation tax credits used to re-purpose Cathedral Church of St. John in Wilmington.

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Working group seeks to bolster historic preservation in New Castle County

Delaware Public Media, Dover—June 14, 2019

Group addresses loss of historic properties due to neglect.

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Articles on efforts to save Houston House

Developer plans to raze southern New Castle County farmhouse and barn.

[Residents, preservationists battle home builder over fate of Houston House](#)

Delaware Public Media, Dover—June 14, 2019

[Residents fight demolition of historic farmhouse in southern New Castle County](#)

WDEL radio, Wilmington, Del.—June 7, 2019

“Partners in Preservation: Planning for the Future—Delaware’s Historic Preservation Plan, 2018–2022”

Document outlines six broad goals for preserving Delaware’s heritage for the future.

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Media Roundup

The following Delaware history-related articles have recently appeared in the media:

[27 Fun Things to Do at the Delaware and Maryland Shore, Even in the Rain](#)

The Washingtonian, Washington, D.C.—June 20, 2019

Article includes information on DeBraak tours at the Zwaanendael Museum.

[New Book Rediscovered Founding Father and Delaware Guy John Dickinson ... for his Songwriting!](#)

Town Square Delaware—June 18, 2019

Article features Dickinson’s “Liberty Song.”

[New Castle’s Separation Day celebrates the community, benefits nonprofits](#)

News Journal—Wilmington, Del.—June 9, 2019

Event commemorated Delaware’s separation from Pennsylvania and Great Britain in 1776.

[DAR Col. John Haslet Chapter visits Hale Byrnes House](#)

Dover Post, Del.—June 6, 2019

George Washington held a war council at the site on Sept. 6, 1777.

[Tours of DeBraak shipwreck artifacts to begin June 13](#)

Cape Gazette, Lewes, Del.—June 2, 2019

Surviving hull section of an 18th-century shipwreck is showcased.

[Fenwick Lighthouse Set To Open](#)

Maryland Coast Dispatch, Berlin, Md.—May 23, 2019

Historic structure sets summer 2019 schedule.

Events

Wednesday, June 26

[Historic Preservation Symposium](#) – Delaware Public Archives

Saturday, June 29

[Wilmington Pirate Festival](#) – Kalmar Nyckel Shipyard and Fort Christina National Historic Landmark

Mondays, July 1, 8, 15 and 29; Wednesdays, July 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31; Fridays, July 5, 12, 19 and 26; and Saturdays, July 6, 13, 20 and 27

[East End Lighthouse Tour](#) – Delaware Breakwater-East End Lighthouse

Tuesday, July 2

[Campfire Program](#) — John Dickinson Plantation

Wednesday, July 3

[Hale-Byrnes Open House](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Thursday, July 4

[Independence Day](#) – All museums of the State of Delaware will be open

[Stars and Stripes](#) – Johnson Victrola Museum

[Independence Day](#) – The Old State House

Saturday, July 6

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Thursdays, July 11, 18 and 25; and Saturday, July 27

[Lost Off Lewes: The British Warship DeBraak](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

Saturday, July 13

[Meet the Founding Fathers](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Sunday, July 14

[Winterthur's Follies: Architectural Whimsy in the Garden](#) – Hale-Byrnes House

Saturday, July 20

[History of the Negro Baseball Leagues](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Running of the Mill](#) – Abbott's Mill Nature Center

Sunday, July 21

[Open House](#) – Prince George's Chapel

Wednesday, July 24

[Delaware State Review Board for Historic Preservation Meeting](#) – Delaware Public Archives

For a comprehensive, long-term calendar of division-sponsored events, [go here](#).

Exhibits and Displays

Ongoing

[Delaware Railroads: Elegant Travel and Timely Transport](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Drawing America to Victory](#) – Online

[Five Stories](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[Letters From a Farmer in Pennsylvania](#) – Online

[New Castle: Three Forts, One Community](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[The Old State House: A True Restoration 1976-2016](#) – The Old State House

[The Path to Freedom: A History of the Underground Railroad in Delaware](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[Sculpture by Charles Parks](#) – New Castle Court House Museum

[A Seaborne Citizenry: The DeBraak and Its Atlantic World](#) – Zwaanendael Museum

[Simple Machines](#) – John Dickinson Plantation

[When Janie Comes Marching Home: Women's Fight to Serve](#) – Legislative Hall



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