



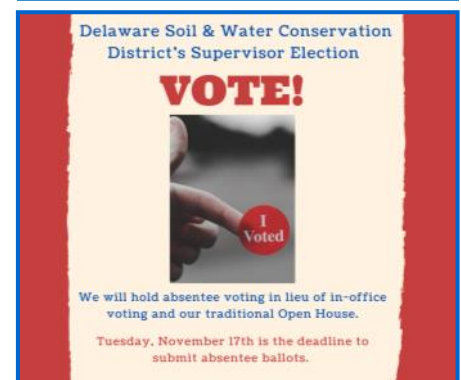
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Welcome to *Focus*, our E-Newsletter

Annual Supervisor Election!

The Delaware Soil & Water Conservation District's Supervisor Election is nearing. Due to COVID-19 challenges, the SWCD will hold absentee voting in lieu of our in-person voting and traditional Open House. Tuesday, November 17th marks the deadline for which ballots need to be received by our office. This year serves as a historic one for our organization, as long-serving board supervisor, Steve Sheets (shown right), retires from his position. Sheets served on the board for a whopping 30 years! The SWCD staff will miss his insight, expertise, and enthusiastic support for our programs and employees. Randy Leienberger of Ashley and Charlie Reffitt of Delaware are running for the position vacated by Sheets. More details will be forthcoming regarding the election process and candidates' biographical information. Updated information will be posted on our website.



Boy Scout Achievement

48 storm drains were labeled in 2.5 hours within the city limits of Powell by two industrious Boy Scouts. James Wagaman (shown) is a Star scout working on his Life scout rank. Jacob Hartong is a Tenderfoot scout. Three hours of conservation-related service is required for a Star scout to become a Life scout, which James earned with this project. Ben Wagaman and Adam Hartong are Assistant Scoutmasters of Troop 843 (who assisted their sons with this project). Do you have a scout troop or other group who is interested in getting involved in a hands-on project? We have labels available to affix on storm drains in Delaware County, and we can deliver supplies and instructions to interested groups. Contact us to begin planning projects for Spring 2021!



In The Press

A variety of natural resources topics (written by our staff) are available, courtesy of the Delaware Gazette:

- [Pumpkins Have Delighted People for Ages](#)
- [Anglers, Boats Help Keep Water Clean](#)
- [Ways to Keep Septic Systems in Tip-Top Shape](#)



Olentangy River Forum Upcoming

Mark your calendars for the 17th Annual Olentangy Forum taking place virtually on October 22, 2020 from 8 a.m. until noon. The forum will showcase watershed updates from the City of Delaware, FLOW, Del-Co Water, Delaware SWCD, and more. Register [here](#).

Annual Milkweed Pod Round-up Commences

The Ohio Pollinator Habitat Initiative, in cooperation with Delaware SWCD, invites Monarch butterfly lovers to participate in our annual Milkweed Roundup. Please collect only MATURE common milkweed pods and drop off the pods in paper bags at our office through October 30th, 2020. [Read More Here >](#)

"And all at once, summer collapsed into fall " ~ Oscar Wilde



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