

## DELAWARE HOUSING COALITION



Christ Episcopal Church | Dover, Delaware

### Agenda

May 11, 2010

10 am—2 pm

- 9:30 Registration and Coffee
- 10:00 Opening and Welcome  
Lorraine deMeurisse, President  
DHC Board of Directors
- 10:05 Remembering Christopher W. White  
DHC Board and Membership  
Del Failing, People's Place
- 10:30 *Who Can Afford to Live in Delaware?* (2010)  
Principal Findings, Gina Miserendino  
Recommendations, Ken Smith
- 11:00 Teach-In on Affordable Housing:  
PRECARIOUSLY HOUSED IN DELAWARE
- 12:15 Lunch  
Announcements  
Legislative Visit Information

#### DAY FOR HOUSING 2010

- In remembrance: Christopher W. White
- Public Release of the 2010 edition of *Who Can Afford to Live in Delaware?*
- Affordable Housing Teach-In
- Pot Luck Lunch
- Legislative Visits



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## The Budget Process

In September, the Budget Office requests that each department in state government submit budget requests for the next year. These requests are presented to the State Budget Office at public hearings held in October and November. Members of the public are welcome and can sign up to speak when they arrive at the meeting. Information on the date and location of these hearings is available through the Governor's office and also typically through the relevant departments.

Between November and January, the State Budget Office develops the Governor's budget bill. The Governor presents his or her budget to the General Assembly in an address usually delivered on the last legislative day in January. The leadership of his or her party's caucuses usually introduces the formal bill that same day.

The General Assembly goes into a break for six weeks during February and March while the Joint Finance Committee holds hearings for all departments. Members of the public are also welcome at these hearings and can sign up to speak. Information about the schedule for hearings is available on the General Assembly's website (<http://www.legis.state.de.us>) and through the Controller General's Office.

The Joint Finance Committee (JFC) usually meets toward the end of May to begin marking-up the budget. The JFC typically meets behind closed doors in "orientation" and makes its major decisions. When they open to the public, they begin voting on the budget line by line, item by item. The JFC takes no public testimony during mark-up.

After the budget is marked-up, the JFC drafts the epilogue to the budget. The epilogue contains a written explanation of how individual lines in the budget are to be spent. The epilogue is also used with some frequency to alter the Delaware Code. The budget bill is typically introduced and voted on during the last week in June, just before the General Assembly adjourns.

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