



## Annual Beach and Battery Park Clean-Up

**Saturday, April 19, 2014 - 9:00 to noon**  
**As Improvements Continue in Battery Park - You can help!**

The New Castle Sailing Club and the Historic New Castle Alliance are co-sponsoring the annual spring Battery Park Beach Clean-Up on Saturday, April 19, from 9:00 to noon. Repairs and improvements continue in the park, including re-paved walkways and a protective berm. Extensive work is on-going on numerous surrounding dykes. We can help too. Please join friends, family, neighbors, and colleagues in cleaning up the Battery Park beaches. Coupons for a discount at local restaurants for lunch on day of clean-up will be given to volunteers. Trash bags and gloves will be available, but please bring your own work gloves, if possible. Volunteer certificates will also be available. On the morning of the clean-up, please sign in at the registration table located by the New Castle Sailing Club sailhouse at the end of West 3rd Street. Questions? Contact Sally 302 547-0176 or Irene 302 328-1709.



**Rain date is April 26.**

**If weather is questionable on April 19, call 302 547-0176.**

**"Come Help Us Celebrate"**

**Trustees of the New Castle Common  
250<sup>th</sup> Celebration  
Friday, April 11, 2014  
6:00 - 8:00 PM  
New Castle Public Library**

**The Historic Penn Farm &  
the City of New Castle to  
Host Arbor Day Event**

**Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>  
Arbor Day Celebration  
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
807 Frenchtown Road (Rt. 273)**

**Please plan on attending  
this Inaugural Arbor Day  
celebration, at the  
Historic Penn Farm**

**The next  
Regular  
City Council  
meeting is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., April 8<sup>th</sup> at  
Town Hall**

### Scholarship Reminder

To be eligible for NC Trustee Scholarship, a transcript of final grades must be received by the Scholarship Committee no later than 7/1/14. Applications and instructions are available from the Trustees of New Castle Common Office in Town Hall.

## March/April Events

**Churches of New Castle Ecumenical Lenten Soup Suppers  
Wednesday nights at 6 p.m. followed by a presentation on  
the sacramental experience of the five senses.**

**Mar 19** - Hope Lutheran - Touch; **Mar 26** - St Peter the Apostle - Smell; **April 2** - Immanuel Episcopal - Sight; **April 9** - United Methodist - Taste

**Wednesday, March 26, at 7:00 p.m.  
New Castle Court House Museum  
211 Delaware Street**

**1864: A pivotal Year in the Civil War**

Historical Interpreter David Price will speak about events from the Red River Campaign in Louisiana to Sherman's occupation of Savannah, Georgia. Listen to stories about Fort Pillow, the Wilderness Campaign, the siege of Petersburg, and even an event in the waters off of France. What was happening here at home in Delaware? Find out on the 26th! Free Admission.

**Saturday, March 29 from 8:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

**New Castle Hundred Lions Club**

**Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale**

New Castle United Methodist Church 510 Delaware Street  
Parking behind Church. Adults \$6.00 Children (under 12) \$3.00

**Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>—First Friday Art Loop**

First Friday's, New Castle joins Wilmington in offering an art loop. Wine, snacks, friends and beautiful works of art.

**Saturday, April 12, at 8 a.m.**

**New Castle Little League Opening Day!**

727 Frenchtown Road New Castle  
[www.eteamz.com/ncllbb/](http://www.eteamz.com/ncllbb/)

**Saturday, April 26, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**(rain date: Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>)**

**New Castle Community Yard Sale**

**Featuring Flea Market on the Green & Yard Sales** For more info visit: [www.historicnewcastle.org](http://www.historicnewcastle.org) or email [historicnewcastlealliance@gmail.com](mailto:historicnewcastlealliance@gmail.com)



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## MSC News & Announcements

In the past, the Municipal Services Commission's (MSC) 216 Chestnut Street location was a site for residents to drop off used, unbroken compact fluorescent light (CFL) bulbs for recycling. The MSC will no longer be collecting these bulbs for our customers. Most Lowe's and Home Depot stores in Delaware offer free CFL recycling. Simply place your CFL in a plastic sandwich bag and drop it off at a participating location for disposal.



## 2014 Spring Hydrant Flushing Program

The Municipal Services Commission Water Department will begin our Spring Fire Hydrant Flushing Program on Monday, April 7, 2014. Flushing will begin at 7:30am and end at 3:00pm Monday through Friday taking approximately 10 business days to complete. Our Hydrant Flushing Program is important to our water system. It is an integral part of our goal to deliver the safest, highest quality water possible and improves fire protection by testing the operation of our hydrants. The Municipal Services Commission schedules our flushing programs during the early spring and late fall when demands are lower using a carefully planned route to control the direction of flow in our system. Customers should not experience service interruptions during the flushing process.



The flushing process may cause some temporary water discoloration. There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water. If you notice discolored water, please run several cold water taps at the same time until the water is clear. Avoid using hot water and doing laundry until you are sure the water is clear.

The Municipal Services Commission urges all residents to exercise caution while traveling around the hydrant flushing crews as water may accumulate in the flushing area.

Your understanding and cooperation during this process is appreciated. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the Municipal Services Commission Water Department at 323-2333 between 7:00am and 3:30pm.

## Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps to maintain and improve the quality of life for New Castle City residents by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes;

Complaint forms are available at the City Offices or on the City Web site at [newcastlecity.delaware.gov](http://newcastlecity.delaware.gov). Complaints are handled on a confidential basis; however, if feedback and/or updates are requested, name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

## Winter Recap & Noise Ordinance Information

### ARTICLE I, Removal of Snow and Ice [Adopted 4-1-1986 by Ord. No. 279]

#### § 209-1. Removal of snow and ice required.

Any person, corporation, company or other entity, being the owner, tenant or occupant of any house or other building, or the owner of any improved or unimproved lot, shall remove any snow, hail, ice or other matter or thing from any pavement, sidewalk or footway along and adjoining said premises within 24 hours of the time snow ceased to fall or the ice formed. Said owner, tenant or occupant shall cause a pathway to be cleared at least three feet in width along the pavement or sidewalk to the gutter

## MSC Warning of Electric Bill Scam

### Beware of Electric Bill Fraud

The City of New Castle's Municipal Services Commission (MSC) has been advised that there have been several attempts to scam customers regarding their electric bills. At least one customer has been scammed by an individual claiming to work for Delmarva Power and requesting payment immediately or the electric service would be disconnected.

The individuals were instructed to purchase a Greendot Money Pak card and call back with the card's information. The scam worked and the caller was able to withdraw funds from the card's account.

The City of New Castle's Municipal Services Commission (MSC) would like to caution their customers to be wary of these types of scams. The MSC does not take payment over the telephone. Payment can be made on-line and in-person. Customers can call customer service at 302-323-2330 to check their billing account status or ask any questions.



## City Offices Closed Friday, April 18th for Good Friday

with a **Citywide Recycle Pick-up** on Thursday the 17th and **NO Recycle Pick-up** on Friday the 18th

## Apply now for tax exemptions

Applications are now being accepted for the Over 65 or the disability property tax exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the Taxpayer, call Marian C. Delaney at 322-9811.

The maximum yearly income requirements are \$15,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple. Social Security income is not counted toward the minimum. The last day to apply is June 16th.

to allow the free passage of pedestrians.

### § 209-2. Violations and penalties.

Any person, corporation, company or other entity found guilty of a violation of this article shall pay a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100.

**NOTE:** Private property owners, adjacent to State Right of Ways, are responsible for clearing the sidewalks and keeping them clear of snow/ice, just like the rest of the City.

This would include; Wilmington Rd. (Ferry Cutoff to City Limits), Delaware St. (Washington Ave. to W. Seventh St.), Washington Ave., W. Seventh St. (South St. to Clymer St.), South St. (W. Seventh St. to W. Sixth St.), Sixth St. (South St. to Ferry Cutoff), Moore Ave. (Wilmington Rd. to City Limits), Ferry Cutoff (Railroad Tracks to Chestnut St.)

### § 166-4. Noises prohibited.

B. Specific prohibitions. The following are specific prohibitions:

(12) Power equipment. Operating or permitting to be operated any power saw, sander, drill, grinder, garden equipment or tools of a similar nature, outdoors in residence districts between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. the following day, in such a manner as to create a noise disturbance.

