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CITY COUNCIL FINALIZES BUDGET WITH **NO TAX INCREASE**

At a special City Council meeting on June 24, Council members finalized the FY 14-15 City budget with no tax increase. The tax rate will remain at \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed value.

Property owners who pay the City directly (not through escrow and a mortgage company), who have not received their tax bill by the end of July, should contact the tax office at 322-9811.

A 2% discount applies to payments received by



August 31. The full base amount is due for payments made in September. Beginning in October, all payments are subject to added interest A LOOK and penalties.

BUDGET A copy of the Budget and Resolution are available online on the City web-

site at newcastlecity.delaware.gov/departments.

Annual Antique Show in Battery Park Sunday, August 24th 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

100+ Dealers in Battery Park on the Delaware River.

Sponsored by the New Castle Visitor's Bureau. Admission \$7.00. Go to www.DFSHOWS.com for



more information and a coupon for \$1 off admission.

Bellanca Airfield and Delaware Aviation Hall of Fame Museum **Open House**

July 26, Aug 9 & 23, Sept 13 & 27 For more information about this Unique New Castle Museum check out their website at www.friendsofbellanca.org



July / August Events

Concerts in Battery Park continue through August 13th.

Food Vendors Every Week

(Go to newcastlecity.delaware.gov for weather updates.)

- Wednesday, July 23rd 6:30 p.m.
- Diamond State Concert Band; Marches, Broadway classical and more.
- Wednesday, July 30th- 6:30 p.m. Zydeco A-Go-Go (with New Castle's Jimmy

Pritchard) Classic New Orleans Rhythm & Blues.

Friday, August 1st -First Friday Art Loop

On the First Friday of each month, New Castle joins Wilmington in offering an art loop. Wine, snacks, friends and beautiful works of art. Go to historicnewcastle.com for more information.

- Wednesday, August 6th 6:30 p.m.

Mikey Jr. & Stone Cold Blues; Driving Harmonica and Vocal Blues.

- Wednesday, August 13th 6:30 p.m. Makin' Whoopie Quintet (with New Castle's Deb

Shane) jazz, standards and blues.

Save the Date:

Saturday, September 13th

New Castle's Annual

Wharf Dance

Sponsored by the New Castle Senior Center and the

New Castle Historical Society

Tickets available August 1st, by

calling 322-2794

Saturday, September 27th New Castle's Art on the Green Saturday, October 4th

Rivertowns Ride & Festival



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The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!

Municipal Services Commission Sponsors 1st Annual Storm Prep Raffle

The 2014 Storm Prep Raffle is part of our campaign to teach our citizens the importance of staying informed in an emergency situation. The Municipal Services Commission

has provided a display at the New Castle City Library to bring awareness to our community about storm preparedness.

The Raffle begins June 02, 2014, win a free weather radio for your home, addi-

tional features include a LED flashlight and charging system for cell phones, PDA's and other USB devices. Recharging is easy using built in solar cell or hand crank. See all contest rules and show your support by visiting our display at the New Castle City Public Library today. The winner will be drawn on Monday August 04, 2014.

Make a Note, there is a new number to contact Mayor Reese: 322-9801

During the Dog Days of Summer, Stay Cool at the New Castle Public Library and New Castle Senior Center. They have exciting activities and programs for all ages and interests. Call or check their websites for more information. **********

> **New Castle Public Library 424 Delaware Street**

> > 328-1995

nccde.org/337/New-Castle-Public-Library ************

> New Castle Senior Center **400 South Street**

> > 326-4209

newcastleseniorcenter.com



The next regular

City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., August 12th at **Town Hall**





Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps to maintain and improve the quality of life of 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 on the City website at newcastlecity.delaware.gov or in the City offices; you can also call the Code Officer at 221-6507.

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.

Domestic animal waste must be immediately cleaned up and properly disposed of (not in someone else's containers.)

TRASH:

Trash and trash containers (35 gallons/50 pounds maximum) should be placed for pick-up after 6:00pm the evening prior to scheduled pick-up.

All garbage is to be secured in plastic bags and placed inside solid containers (metal or plastic), with lids securely in place (35 gallons/50 pounds maximum).

SPECIAL TRASH PICK-UP (appliances, bedding, furniture, excess trash or other large items, etc.) can be arranged by calling the Public Works Dept. at 322-9813. Arrangements must be made and paid for prior to pick-up. Pick-up is only on the regular scheduled trash pick-up days. Placement times are the same as for normal trash, except large appliances may be put out for as long as 24-hours.

POOLS:

All pools capable of holding more than two feet of water (including above -ground pools) require a building permit. Swimming pools must be maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary condition.

VACANT PROPERTIES:

Any vacant property must be maintained as if that property were used or occupied.

VEHICLES:

In any zoning district, it shall be unlawful to park, store, or permit to be parked or stored, other than inside a fully enclosed building, any vehicle that is required to and does not have current registration attached to the vehicle, is inoperable in the manner for which it is designed, is missing major components, is wrecked or is dismantled.