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Joint effort of MSC, DOC, PW crews results in massive beach cleanup

Riverfront beach cleanup took place mid-December, coordinated among the City, Department Of Corrections (DOC) and the Municipal Services Commission (MSC). The City is always grateful when Public Works crews team up with MSC personnel on mutually beneficial projects.

Added special thanks to Lt. McLellan, Cpl. Stokes, Cpl.

Ewasko and of course all the hard working crew members. As many as 75 dump truck loads of material were removed off the beach — much of it wood washed ashore with the tide, some of it deposited a very long time ago and in huge pieces of whole trees and trunks.

And a final thank you on this project goes to Rep. J.J. Johnson, who helped arrange for the City to

dispose of all the wood collected free of charge, in cooperation with the Peninsula Compost Group. Plans are to have the crews back in the spring and then periodically in the future.

Prior to this project, we were grateful to have Jennifer Bently's second graders picking up litter in Battery Park as a service project.

IMPORTANT NOTE!

City Offices Closed Mon., Jan. 2 & Mon., Jan. 16
Schedule Change for Trash Pickup

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule:

<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Revised Schedule</u>	<u>Regular Schedule</u>	<u>Revised Schedule</u>
Mon., Jan. 2	Tues., Jan. 3	Mon., Jan. 16	Tues., Jan. 17
Tues., Jan. 3	Wed., Jan. 4	Tues., Jan. 17	Wed., Jan. 18

The next
regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Jan. 10 at
Town Hall

January Events

Saturday, January 7 at 5:30 p.m.

New Castle Court House Museum

Let's Wine About What Ales Use

Hosted by the Historic New Castle Alliance

Join the HNCA in celebrating the New Year with wine and ale tasting, chocolates and cheese!

Beers and Ales presented by 16 Mile, Iron Hill and Fordham/Old Dominion breweries.

Wine presented by Auburn Road Vineyard & Winery and others to be announced.

Acoustic guitar entertainment by Kevin Sarkassian.

Please contact Cindy Snyder at 323-4453 with questions.

\$20 for Alliance Members and \$25 for Non-Members

Friday, January 20 at 6:30 p.m.

New Castle Public Library

Murder By The Book

Do you know how crime scenes are really investigated and murders solved?

FBI Special Agent Gene Lanzillo, Team Leader of the Philadelphia Evidence Response Team, will use actual techniques and tools to demonstrate how real-life investigations differ from those portrayed on popular television shows.

Join us for this special New Castle Library Friends Members Only Event for an exciting evening to learn about a true behind-the-scenes crime investigation!

This event is open exclusively to Members of the New Castle Library Friends group. Not a member, but would like to join the New Castle Library Friends? Visit the Friends Web site at www.NewCastleLibraryFriends.org.



New Castle – The First Capital City!

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

New activities for New Castle's Wellness Initiative

In preparation for a healthful new year, the New Castle Wellness Team is gearing up its programs and plans for 2012 and looking for community support.

Green Hour outdoor education

This program engages area elementary school students in an hour of active-, nature- and wellness-themed activities after school. The program relies on volunteer mentors to work with individual students as they explore the outdoors, learn about healthy lifestyles and have fun.

The program is based on the reality that time spent outdoors in play and study supports healthy lifestyle alternatives compared to too much time spent indoors connected to technology. The habit of an active lifestyle is essential to long-term health.

Approximately 37% of children in Delaware are overweight or obese. As they grow older, overweight children are at greater risk of suffering major health problems including abnormal cholesterol, high blood pressure, type 2 diabetes, asthma, depression and anxiety.

Programs are expected to run Tuesdays and Thursdays starting in early January from approximately 3:15 to 4:45pm at Carrie Downie Elementary School. If you would like to help connect our community youth to nature and inspire healthy choices, and if you can commit

to six sessions or more, please contact Andrea Trabelsi (see contact information at the end of this article).

Public art

This program is led by area youth to bring attention to wellness issues through the community wellness assessment conducted by the New Castle Wellness Team last spring. The assessment identified the need for greater awareness and knowledge of health issues.

Public art was identified as a way to engage youth and be an attention-grabbing form of communication. This January, public art created by Green Hour students will be on display around the community. Anti-smoking will be the topic of emphasis.

If you are an artist or aspiring-artist and would be willing to serve on a committee to coordinate the wellness through public art program, or able to share your talents in another way, please contact Andrea Trabelsi.

The Community Wellness Advisory Team will also be discussing, planning and coordinating implementation of additional activities, events and programs in early 2012. The goal of the Wellness Initiative is to make it easier for community members of greater New Castle to make healthy choices.

If you have ideas for how wellness can be integrated into the community systems and are willing to dedicate some time to the cause, please consider joining the Wellness Team. For more information about the initiative or to get involved, contact Andrea Trabelsi at 655-7275 or atrabelsi@delawaregreenways.org.

Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps 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. This includes working with residents, neighborhoods, public service agencies and other City offices.

Complaint forms are available at the City offices or on the City Web site at: NewCastleCity.Delaware.gov. To reach the Code Enforcement Officer, call 323-6081.

Complaints are handled on a confidential basis. If feedback and/or updates are requested, however, a name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

This month's highlights and general reminders

- Residents are responsible for sidewalks in front of their properties. Please ensure sidewalks are clear of snow and ice ***within 24 hours of a storm ceasing or ice forming.***
- Please do not place trash containers out for pickup prior to 6 p.m. the day before scheduled pickup.
- Please register or remove all unregistered vehicles from private properties.

Proposed new Arsenal tenants to host "Meet the Neighbors" event

**Meet the Neighbors, 7:30 p.m., Tues., Jan. 17
The Arsenal on the Green, 30 Market Street**

The Historic New Castle Alliance (HNCA) has partnered with the State of Delaware to find new tenants to operate the Arsenal. The HNCA selected Dan Butler and Michael Majewski to lease and operate a tavern and special event facility.

They have many years of experience in the restaurant business and currently own and operate Piccolina Toscana, Deep Blue and Toscana To Go in Wilmington and Brandywine Prime and Bistro on the Brandywine River in Chadds Ford.

All residents are invited to the event to meet the proposed new tenants and discuss their plans. RSVP to Cindy Snyder at the Court House or at cynthia.snyder@state.de.us.

Plans are to have a grand reopening this spring!