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Protecting Your Trust Property

As many know, in 1764 the Penn family appointed thirteen Trustees as stewards of the historic Common, which was to be used for the benefit of all citizens of New Castle. The land held in Trust now stands at about 640 acres, in the form of some 84 tax parcels encompassing uses ranging from open space and wetlands to public buildings and commercial and industrial development.

The one element these holdings still share is that they are managed for the benefit of *all* New Castle City residents. Because the properties are so numerous and widespread, they adjoin many other privately-owned parcels.

On occasion, neighboring residents may intentionally or inadvertently "encroach" on adjoining

Trust lands, using them to stack firewood, store debris, or perhaps hold part of a shed or fence, etc. Happily, a recent walking survey showed very few problems in this respect.

However, to uphold its duty to protect the integrity of the Common lands, periodically the Trust is obliged to affirm its ownership interest, and to receive an acknowledgement from neighboring owners that any incidental use of Trust property should be terminated. As such, from time to time, the Trustees may contact City residents or neighborhoods in writing in this regard.

If you have any questions, please call the Trustee office at 322-2809 or email trusteesncc@comcast.net.

See Back Page for Important Info.: Recreation Program & Senior/Disability Tax Breaks

Summer Show Time
Free Concerts in Battery Park, Wednesdays at 7 p.m.
June 20
Newark Community Band

June 27
April Mae & The June Bugs
July 11
Sin City Band

July 18
Chesapeake Brass Band
July 25
First State Symphonic Band
(No Concert July 4)

Saturday, June 9 is Separation Day in Historic New Castle!

Parade at 11 
Grand Marshall: Brigadier General Carol A. Timmons, Cmmdr., DE Air Ntnl. Guard

Featuring:

- Irish Thunder Pipes & Drums
- 287th Army National Guard Band
- Jersey Surf Drum & Bugle Corps
- Avalon String Band
- DE Diamond Flight Drill Team

- Miss Separation Day Kaitlynn Kirkley

Battery Park Festivities

- Arts & Crafts, 11 to 6
- **Great Amusement Rides**
- Games, food, encampments, pony rides, moon bounce, vendors and info. booths!

Special Treats

- Olde Time DE Diamond Baseball Demo at 1:45



- FWF Wrestling at 1 & 5
- Steve Ketterer Band at 2:30
- Magic Show at 3:30
- Beautiful Baby Contest Finals at 4
- Dance Party at 5:30
- Joe Dawson Orchestra at 8

Fireworks

Finale at 9:30!

New Castle - The First Capital City!

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

Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement administers 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: NewCastle-City.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/

general reminders:

- Keep lawns maintained weekly.
- Section 140-15a: Care of Premises

It is unlawful to park or store, on public or private property, other than fully enclosed in a building, any motor vehicle or off highway vehicle, that is incapable of being moved under its own power, or that does not have current registration plates attached to the vehicle.

- Section 185.1, 302.7.2: Swimming Pools

Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean sanitary condition, and in good repair.

- Section 140-15B: The open storage for any period of time

The next
regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., June 12 at
Town Hall

on residentially zoned property of any items designed and manufactured to be used and stored in an enclosed building is prohibited.

- Section 140-15C: The open storage of debris, for example, but not limited to dead trees, which are still standing, trash, rock, rubble, broken concrete, and similar materials is prohibited in residentially zoned districts.

CITY OFFICES **CLOSED**

No Yard Waste Pickup
Independence Holiday
Wednesday, July 4

***Note!* On Monday,**
June 4, DPW hours
change to
6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

***(incl. trash/recycling/
yard waste collection)***

Last chance to apply for property tax exemptions

Applications are now being accepted for the Over 65 or Disability property tax exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the taxpayer, call Marian 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 maximum.

The last day to apply is June 15th.

Sign Up for Recreation Program

The City's Summer Recreation Program begins Monday, July 8 and runs on weekdays through Friday, August 16 (rain or shine). Hours are usually 8 a.m. to noon, however may run later on days with certain activities.

Registration is open to children ages 5 through 14 who reside within the City limits. Typical activities include a tour of the Court House, bowling, swimming and other trips. Program packets with details will be distributed on the first day of camp.

Registration Fee: \$5 each child
The fee *does not* cover individual trip costs.

Make check payable to:
Mayor and Council of New Castle

For walk-in registration, bring a completed form (one for each child) to the City office, 220 Delaware St., weekdays, beginning June 6 through June 22. Sign-up is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Or, complete the form below and mail by June 18 to: New Castle City, 220 Delaware St., New Castle, DE 19720. Call 322-7489 with any questions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Phone No.: _____

Payment Amount Enclosed: _____

Age of Child: _____

T-Shirt Size (circle one): S M L XL