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Two officers join police ranks

On December 7, two officers joined the ranks of the New Castle Police Department. The addition of Tina Prescott and Robert Elliott Singleton brings the department back to its authorized strength of 17 officers.

Tina Prescott has previous experience as a police officer in Virginia. She served with the Fairfax County Police Department. Robert Singleton was employed in Parkside, Pennsylvania, as a police officer.

The City is fortunate to have two highly qualified officers become members of New Castle City Police Department.

**This issue marks the
One-Year Anniversary
of the *New Castle Crier!***

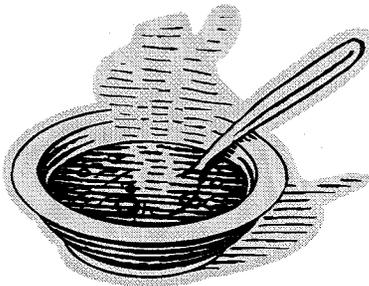
**Thank you to MSC
and all our citizens
for their support!**

This community team hosts "SOUPer" Bowl to fight hunger

According to a 2006 hunger study, the Food Bank of Delaware helps feed 28% of the children in our state. This is nearly an overwhelming task that never ends.

Girl Scout Troop 927 and the New Castle Senior Center are having a canned soup drive for the Food Bank of Delaware — dubbed the "SOUPer" Bowl. During the SOUPer Bowl, the Troop will be collecting cans of soup (*not* cans of food) for the Food Bank.

The soup drive runs from January 21 through February 6 (right after Super Bowl Sunday). As an extra bonus, Troop members will remove any of the "Labels for Education" from cans of Campbell's soup.



The SOUPer Bowl is a community event, with participants including the Immanuel Church, the Presbyterian Church, the youth group of the Bethany UAME Church, the New Castle Hundred Lions Club and the New Castle Public Library.

For those wishing to donate, collection boxes are located at the New Castle Senior Center, 400 South Street and the New Castle Public Library, 424 Delaware Street.

Wouldn't you like to know the next time you are enjoying a hot bowl of soup that, thanks to you, there is someone else enjoying one too? Please help us to help the Food Bank!

Tax exemption applications require most recent income tax information

Residents applying for a property tax exemption to become effective July 2008, need to submit a copy of their completed income tax form for the calendar year **2007**. Applications for the exemption are accepted through June 16. This provides adequate time for the **2007** income tax form to be submitted. The exemption is effective for the July 1 tax year.

Residents can contact Finance Director Marian Delaney, at 322-9811, for an appointment to apply for the tax exemption, available to seniors over 65 and persons with disabilities. Appointments can be scheduled at the convenience of the applicant.

New income limits are \$15,000 for a single and \$30,000 for a married couple.

New Castle – The First Capital City!

The yard waste ban is now in effect!

What is yard waste?

Yard waste is grass clippings, leaves, brush and branches up to six inches in diameter, dirt-free garden debris and landscape trimmings.

When does the City collect yard waste?

Yard waste is collected seasonally, **Wednesdays only**. Collection this year begins on April 2.

What are restrictions concerning yard waste?

Positively no mixture of yard waste with household trash will be



collected. All yard waste must be kept separate from household trash.

City employees collecting trash are now instructed to leave trash left for collection if it has yard waste mixed in. A reminder notice will be left for the homeowner,

explaining why the trash was not collected.

Where can I find more information?

A more extensive article on the yard waste ban was included in the December issue of the *New Castle Crier* newsletter. The newsletter can be viewed online at: www.NewCastleCity.org.

More information is also available on the DNREC Web site at: www.dnrec.delaware.gov.

Persons with questions about the yard waste ban should call the Public Works Section of the Public Services Department, at 322-9813.

Code Enforcement Corner

The City of New Castle Board of Health strives to keep properties in conformance with adopted rules and codes.

To report any problems or file a complaint, please call Code Enforcement Officer John Lloyd at 302-323-6081. Complaint forms are also available on the City Web site at www.NewCastleCity.org.

This month's highlights; general reminders...

- Vehicles parked on lawns are prohibited. All vehicles are to be parked on hardened surfaces.
- Inoperative, junked or unregistered vehicles are prohibited from being stored outside.
- Recreational vehicles, boats, trailers and off-road vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the grass.
- Bulk items (stoves, refrigerators, TVs, furniture, tires, etc.) stored outside are considered debris and are prohibited.
- Dog and other animal feces shall be picked up to ensure sanitary conditions. Another tip is for pet owners to remove uneaten pet food to help to prevent the attraction of rodents.

Winter reminder

Residents are responsible for sidewalks in front of their property.

Please ensure that sidewalks are clear of snow and/or ice within 24 hours after the end of a storm.

Special trash reminder

Bulk trash items (rugs, appliances, furniture, etc.) are not included in normal trash pickup. Prior payment must be made for the City to collect these items. Call Debby Pullan, at 322-9813, for pricing, to make payment and ensure pickup.



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

Please Note!

City Offices will be **CLOSED** and **No Trash Pickup** will occur for the Presidents' Day holiday on **Monday, February 18.**

Trash scheduled for pickup on Monday (2/18) will be picked up on Tuesday (2/19); trash scheduled for pickup on Tuesday (2/19) will be picked up on Wednesday (2/20).