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Volunteers help steer activities in New Castle

The City of New Castle is very fortunate to have many residents serving on a variety of boards, commissions and committees. These volunteers help the City in a wide variety of ways.

Some of these meet on a regular basis, while others meet as needed or during specific times when their services are required. A list of these groups can be found in the 2008 City calendar, above the month of November.

Last month's newsletter briefly described the Planning Commission and Tree Commission. Find that information on the front page of the City's Web site at: www.NewCastleCity.org (click on the link for the newsletter).

Historic Area Commission

The Historic Area Commission (HAC) meets monthly, on the third Thursday at 4:30 p.m. This body reviews and approves requests for

exterior building restorations or renovations to properties located within the City's designated Historical District.

Board of Health

The Board of Health meets quarterly each year. This body discusses health-related issues which arise as they are defined in the City Code.

Many items discussed are a result of citizen complaints fielded by the City's Health Code Enforcement Officer.

Board of Building Appeals

The Board of Buildings Appeals meets as needed. This group is charged with acting on reports from the City Building Official concerning dangerous buildings.

They hold hearings to consider these issues and ultimately can order that a building be repaired or

demolished by the property owner. If the property owner fails to act in a timely manner, then this Board may recommend to the City Council that the City step in and execute the repair or demolition.

Board of Elections

The New Castle City Board of Elections is responsible for carrying out the rules and regulations set forth by the State for the conduct of local, City Elections. These elections are held every odd year in April. The Committee meets as needed, usually a few to several times leading up to a local election.

City Council seeks committee volunteers

If you're interested in serving the City, please complete the coupon below and return it to the City Offices at 220 Delaware Street, New Castle, DE 19720.

Yes! I want to become involved in City government and serving, as indicated below (check all those in which you have an interest):

Planning Commission

Election Committee

Tree Commission

Historic Area Commission

Board of Health

Board of Building Appeals

Name: _____

Address: * _____

Phone: _____

*Note: You must reside within the City limits to be considered.

The next regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., April 8 at Town Hall

New Castle – The First Capital City!

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 reminder...

Everyday household trash is collected by the City, the cost of which is included as a service paid for by City property taxes. Large, bulk items are not included in this service and require payment for pickup *prior to being placed at the curb for collection, no more than 24 hours in advance.*

To make arrangements for pickup and pay the appropriate fee, in accordance with the item being disposed of, contact the Public Services Department at 322-9813 (see chart below).

City of New Castle Special Trash Pickup Fees

Refrigerator	\$30
Dishwasher	\$25
Stove	\$25
Washer	\$25
Dryer	\$25
Air Conditioner	\$20
Hot Water Heater	\$20
Sofa	\$25
Upholstered Chair	\$20
Mattress/Bed Springs – Single	\$18
Mattress/Bed Springs – King/Queen	\$22
Rug	\$20
TV Set With Cabinet	\$20
Dresser	\$15

For pickup of construction or remodeling material, the homeowner or contractor must speak to appropriate Public Works personnel who will provide the cost of removal.

Pickup of tree limbs and yard waste is included with City taxes (no added charge). Call 322-9813 to schedule a Wednesday pick up of these materials.

Support historical gardens

The Annual Arasapha Garden Club May Market will be held on Friday, May 2, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, May 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Look for the colorful tents behind Town Hall at Delaware and Second Streets in Old New Castle.

This event is held each year to benefit the Arasapha Garden Club's mission of maintaining and improving the Amstel House and Dutch House gardens. Beautiful plants and herbs will be available in addition to baked goods, Our Garden to Your Garden, local vendors (including food) and a handmade quilt raffle. The White Elephant table will return this year in response to many requests. Used books and jewelry will also be offered in the Presbyterian Educational Building. Children's activities will be featured on Saturday. Demonstrations and gardening advice will be given throughout the two days by Arasapha Garden Club members. Support the upkeep of our local garden treasures and enjoy a day in the sun with neighbors, friends and visitors.

Hazardous waste drop-off

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) will be collecting household hazardous waste (HHW) on Saturday, April 5, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pine Tree Corners Transfer Station, 276 Pine Tree Road in Townsend. The collection is held, rain or shine. You can bring the following items to a collection event:

Product containers marked with words, "Warning: Hazardous," "Flammable," "Poisonous," "Corrosive" or "Explosive."

Helpful Tip: Bring materials in original, sealed containers; do not mix products in one container.

For a list of items accepted as HHW, or for more information, visit the DSWA Web site at www.dswa.com.

Attention seniors and disabled persons Make your appointment today to receive a property tax break!

Residents should contact Finance Director Marian Delaney, at 322-9811, for an appointment to apply for the tax exemption, available to seniors over 65 or persons with disabilities (no age limit). 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. The last day to apply is June 16.

Calendar Correction: Mr. Bob Daly is a member of the Beautification Committee (listed over the month of November), however his name was omitted from that listing. We regret the error.