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New Castle Comprehensive Plan Update: Community Design Workshop

All citizens urged to attend workshop

The City of New Castle is holding a workshop on September 16 to guide the update of its Comprehensive Plan. A Comprehensive Plan is a document that sets general policy for the City's land development, transportation investment, housing strategy and community services. It typically recommends projects and programs to implement the stated policies.

In 2003, the City of New Castle adopted an entirely new Comprehensive Plan, which was a major project involving the City Council, Planning Commission and City residents, and included a series of community meetings. The State of Delaware requires the plan to be updated every five years, and the update will build on the considerable work and recommendations of the 2003 plan. That plan may be accessed via the City Web site at: www.NewCastleCity.org.

The City is revising population data, maps and other information to reflect changes that have occurred over the last five years and is now ready to update plan recommendations. The Planning Commission is hosting the September 16 workshop for local residents and businesses to learn more. Please come and share your thoughts about the future of the City.

The Community Workshop will begin with a brief presentation summarizing the Comprehensive Plan purpose and findings from the completed existing conditions analysis. It will then move to a hands-on workshop format with displays that will list and illustrate the draft plan recommendations.

People will be asked to respond whether they agree with a proposal by using "sticker dots" to vote for ideas and provide written comments on the displays. Planning Commission members and project staff will be available to answer questions and take new suggestions.

The Planning Commission is seeking feedback on a number of important issues facing the City, including:

- Development/redevelopment options for the 7th and South Street area
- High priority areas for sidewalk and bike improvements
- Route 9 cut-through traffic in downtown
- Appearance of City gateways
- Park and recreation needs

The workshop will be held on September 16 at 7 p.m. at the New Castle Middle School, 903 Delaware Street.

For more information, contact City Administrator Cathie Thomas at 322-9812, or e-mail: CathrynThomas@NewCastleCity.org.

Community Workshop **Help Shape New Castle's Future!**

The City of New Castle is updating its Comprehensive Plan, which is a long-range plan to guide the City's future development. Please come share your ideas about what New Castle should be like!

Please Join Us at 7 p.m. on September 16
New Castle Middle School, 903 Delaware St.

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New Castle - The First Capital City!

New Castle Library
Friends present the...

Big Book SALE!

10 a.m. ♦ Saturday
September 27
New Castle
Senior Center
(On South St. near 3rd St.)

The next
regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Sept. 9 at

IMPORTANT REMINDER!

Many interior and exterior home improvement projects require a Building Permit issued by the City. Also, exterior projects in the Historic District require prior approval of the Historic Area Commission. Call 322-9813 for more information.



Pinwheels For Peace

Come and celebrate the International Day of Peace and learn about utilizing wind power as a *green* energy source!

This year's "Pinwheels for Peace" art installation will be on the Green (adjacent to the Courthouse on Delaware Street)

beginning the afternoon of September 21 and will run through September 28.

The New Castle Senior Center and various Girl Scout Troops from the New Castle area are involved in the project, along with local churches, including the Bethany UAME Church, the Immanuel Episcopal Church, the New Castle Presbyterian Church and the New Castle Methodist Church, who are having a group Sunday School "kick-off" using this event as their theme. Other participants include the Art Departments of William Penn High School, George Read Middle School, and the elementary schools of Pleasantville and Colwyk, who will be providing pinwheels for the event.



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, call Code Enforcement Officer John Lloyd at 221-6507. The entire City Code and Complaint Forms are also available on the City Web site at www.NewCastleCity.org.

From the City Code

Chapter 204, Article II

This Code section covers requirements for the proper disposal of trash and the permitted times trash containers can be legally placed at the curb for pickup.

Chapter 204, Article III

This Code section covers recycling, including yard waste, grass collection, branch collection, leaf collection and Christmas tree collection.

Chapter 140

Article III, Section 15A

It shall be unlawful to park, store or permit to be parked or stored, other than fully enclosed in a building, any motor vehicle or off-highway vehicle, that is incapable of being moved under its own power (inoperable), or that does not have current registration *plates attached* to the vehicle.

Chapter 140

Article III, Section 16

All land or improved premises within the City, shall be maintained as though such property were being used or occupied.

Final note...

Please make sure that all swimming pools are maintained clean and sanitary, whether in use or not.

A representative from Bluewater Wind is coming to the New Castle Library on Sept. 18 to talk about what they do. This event is geared towards kids ages 7 to 12, and will be a part of the "Mad Science Mania".

For more information about Pinwheels for Peace, go to: www.pinwheelsforpeace.com/theproject.

For more information on the International Day of Peace go to: www.internationaldayofpeace.org.