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National Park Proposed For Delaware

For about six years, U.S. Senator Thomas Carper has been working on a proposal to establish a National Park in Delaware. Delaware is the only State in the Union without a National Park.

Recent presentations in the area by personnel of the National Parks Service indicate a

stage of this process is nearing completion. Congress is expected to act in the near future on the question of a National Park being established in Delaware.

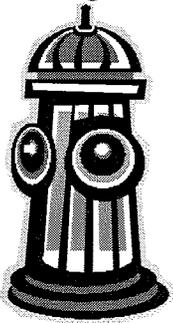
If approved, the City of New Castle is one of the possible sites where the base of operations could be located for the

National Park. A tourism center could be established in the "Sheriff's House", a building fronting on Market Street owned by the State as part of the Historic Courthouse complex.

The City Council approved a Resolution urging the establishment of a National Park in Delaware and also to have Historic New Castle selected as the base of operations for the new park. The Resolution was forwarded to New Castle's Federal and State elected officials, many of whom have expressed positive feedback.

Fall Hydrant Flushing Program

The Municipal Services Commission (MSC) Water Department will begin Fall Fire Hydrant Flushing on November 10. Flushing begins at 7:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m., weekdays, taking about 10 business days to complete.



The Hydrant Flushing Program is important to the water system and is an integral part of MSC's goal to deliver the safest and highest quality water possible. Additionally, this process improves fire protection by testing the operation of hydrants.

The MSC schedules the flushing program during the late fall when demands are lower using a carefully planned route to control the direction of flow in our system. Customers should not experience service interruptions during the flushing process.

The flushing process may cause some temporary water discoloration. There is no health hazard associated with the discolored water. If you notice discolored water, run several cold water taps at the same time until the water is clear. Avoid using hot water and doing laundry until you are sure the water is clear.

The MSC urges all residents to exercise caution while traveling around the hydrant flushing crews as water may accumulate in the flushing area. We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of our customers during this process. Anyone with questions or needing additional information, please contact the MSC Water Department at 323-2333, between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The next
regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Nov. 11 at
Town Hall



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8th Annual Spirit of Christmas slated for December 13

The 8th Annual New Castle Spirit of Christmas, presented by the New Castle Presbyterian Church and the New Castle Visitors Bureau, will be Saturday, December 13, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Celebrations of Christmas and the Holiday Season will take place throughout the City of historic New Castle. Most events are free and the public is invited to attend.

Featured events include hand bell concerts in the Sanctuary at 1 and 1:30 p.m., followed by a concert by the New Ark Chorale at 3 p.m. Melissa Heieie, Margaret Love and Nancy Loux will perform on Celtic Harp, providing seasonal music in the Sanctuary at 11 a.m.

Many homes, including the Lesley Manor Mansion, will be open throughout the day from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The New Castle Presbyterian Christian Education Building will host many events, featuring handmade crafts and holiday decorations, fresh breads and soups for sale and a used books, CD and DVD sale. A special sale of, "Look what \$20 will buy" will feature many gift ideas for \$20 or increments of \$20. In purchasing the gifts, customers will learn how \$20 helps support Corner House and Friendship House, as the proceeds from all gifts will go directly to the homeless men's shelter.

The town's Christmas Tree lighting ceremony on the Center Green will be at 5 p.m. to conclude the festivities. A special holiday program will precede the tree lighting, including chorale groups from William Penn High School and comments by U. S. Senator Tom

Carper, State Senator Dori Conner and State Representative Mike Mulrooney.

A Santa's Secret Shop will be available for children to shop and to visit with Santa at Velocipede Bicycle Museum on Delaware Street. It is rumored that Mrs. Claus will join Santa this year and will be roaming the streets of New Castle.

The New Castle Visitor's Bureau will sponsor caroling around the town, including local Girls Scouts and entertainment from the Cab Calloway School of Arts. Free refreshments will be available at the church. Participants are also encouraged to patronize local restaurants open for the day.

For more information, visitors are encouraged to call the New Castle Presbyterian Church Office at (302) 328-3279.

Code Enforcement Corner

The Board of Health strives to keep properties in conformance with rules and codes. To report any problems or file a complaint, call Code Enforcement Officer John Lloyd at 221-6507.

Special Trash Rules

Section 204-6-A(1) of the City Code provides, "The City shall provide collection services for residential properties and commercial properties having an average garbage and refuse pickup not exceeding two 35-gallon containers for each pickup...". The Code also limits the weight of the 35-gallon containers to 50 pounds.

Section 204-6-D addresses "Special Pickup". Arrangements must be made for special trash pickup for, "...washers, dryers and other large items, and may deposit the same

curbside not more than 24 hours before the pickup."

Payments for special trash are collected at the Public Services Department at the Trolley Barn, 900 Wilmington Road, telephone 322-9808. See the "Public Works" section of the City Web site for a list of special trash fees at www.NewCastleCity.org.

Items for which customers make prior arrangements for special trash pickup (including paying appropriate fees) are collected on the same schedule as other trash.

When an item is left for pickup without prior special trash arrangements having been made, City collection crews are instructed not to collect such items and place green stickers on the items noting the special trash rules.

**City Offices are
closed with no trash
pickup Election Day,
Tues., Nov. 4. Tuesday's
trash will be collected
Wed., Nov. 5.**

**VOTE
Election Day
Tues., Nov. 4**

**For election/voter
information, contact the
Board of Elections at
577-3464, or online at
elections.delaware.gov.**

**To find your polling
place, click on the
link on the front page
of the City Web site at
www.NewCastleCity.org.**