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Final approvals slated for City Comprehensive Plan

Planning Commission members have tentatively set May 18 as the final meeting where they will discuss and decide on a recommendation to the City Council concerning the 2009 New Castle City Comprehensive Plan. The new Plan is an update of the 2003 Plan.

A Comprehensive Plan is a document that sets general policy for the City's land development, transportation invest-

ment, housing strategy and community services. It typically recommends projects and programs to implement the stated policies.

Once Planning Commission members have approved their recommendation, the Plan is forwarded to the City Council for final action and approval. The City Council plans to enact the Comprehensive Plan by

ordinance, which means a first and second reading may occur at one meeting and a third reading and adoption may occur at a subsequent meeting. The tentative dates for those actions are:

- June 9:
First & Second Readings
- July 14:
Third Reading & Adoption

For more information, contact the City Administrator at 322-9812.

City Offices are closed and there is no trash pickup on Monday, May 25.

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

Officials Elected for the New Term through April, 2011

Mayor John F. Klingmeyer

Council President William J. Barthel

Council Members

John W. Cochran, John J. Gaworski, Jr.
Ted Megginson, Teel Petty

City Treasurer Janet E. Carlin

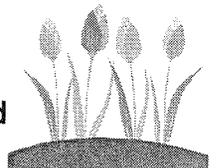
City Clerk Michael A. Dickinson

New Castle May Events

May 16, Saturday

Day In Old New Castle

Annual Tour of Private Homes and Gardens — Sponsored
by Immanuel Episcopal Church — Tickets Required
www.DayInOldNewCastle.org



June 1 through November 17 — Exhibit: A Vestige
of the Dutch: The Tile House of New Castle



Dutch House Museum
Included with regular admission
www.NewCastleHistory.org

Property Tax Exemptions

For information on applying for the Over 65 or Disability exemption, call Marian Delaney at 322-9811. Yearly income requirements: \$15,000 single and \$30,000 married. Social Security is not counted. Last day to apply is June 15th.

New Castle - The First Capital City!

Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps maintain and improve the quality of life for City residents by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes; and by 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 www.NewCastleCity.org. Complaints are handled on a confidential basis. If feedback and/or updates are requested, however, a name, address and phone number must be provided.

This month's highlights; general reminders...

- Now is the time to attend to property exteriors: yard maintenance, exterior repairs, painting, fences, etc.

- Please keep garbage in secure containers. Limit the volume of trash by recycling. Do not store trash/garbage in the front area of properties. Remove trash/recycle containers from pickup location within the required times.

Mark Your Calendars!

**June 13
is the State
of Delaware**



Separation Day Celebration

**All Events take place
in Historic New Castle**

**Parade at 11 a.m.
on Delaware Street**

**Fireworks at 9:30 p.m.
in Battery Park**

Police department recognizes outstanding achievements

The New Castle City Police Department held its annual award ceremony, recognizing the achievements of its members. In addition to departmental awards, Patrol Officer Robert Elliott Singleton was also honored by other elected officials and organizations for his heroic lifesaving efforts, for his part in a team operation to free an elderly woman from her burning home.

Another highlight of the ceremony announced the choice for Officer of the Year. The selection spanning the 2008 time frame honored Patrol Officer Zachary T. Bascelli for a number of accomplishments throughout the year.

Special recognition was also given to the citizen Volunteers In Police Service (VIPS), who supplement the force and aid the department by performing a variety of tasks. Chief Kevin McDerby especially noted the service of VIPS member Richard Evans, whose untimely passing leaves a void and sadness within the organization.

Other award recipients include:

Life Saving Awards:

Patrol Officer First Class Thomas Fuller
Patrol Officer Robert Elliott Singleton

Exceptional Duty Awards:

Patrol Officer Zachary T. Bascelli
Patrol Officer First Class Thomas Fuller
Master Sergeant Bernard M. Torre

Valor Award:

Patrol Officer Robert Elliott Singleton

Firearms Award:

Patrol Officer First Class Louis Torres

Criminal Arrest Awards:

Patrol Officer First Class Thomas Fuller
(Second Year)
Master Sergeant Bernard M. Torre (Fifth Year)

Longevity Service Awards:

Master Corporal Richard P. McCabe (10 Years)
Master Sergeant Bernard M. Torre (15 Years)
Senior Lieutenant Adam P. Brams (20 Years)

Letters of Commendation

related to various incidents:

Patrol Officer Zachary T. Bascelli
Patrol Officer Richard J. Perillo
Patrol Officer Tina M. Shughart
Patrol Officer Robert Elliott Singleton
Patrol Officer First Class Louis Torres
Patrol Officer Gene W. Wood
Patrol Officer First Class Thomas Fuller
Patrol Officer First Class Brendan O' Hanlon
Patrol Officer First Class Louis Torres
Sr. Corporal/Detective Edward A. Dempsey
Master Corporal Thomas M. Donlon
Master Corporal Richard P. McCabe
Master Sergeant Bernard M. Torre

Certificates of Appreciation:

Patrol Officer Gene W. Wood for Traffic Arrests
Sr. Corporal/Detective Edward A. Dempsey
for Attendance
Sergeant Jamie C. Rogers for Attendance
Mstr. Sergeant Bernard Torre for Attendance
Sr. Lieutenant Adam P. Brams for Attendance