



# New Castle Crier

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## Legislation introduced to establish National Park in Delaware

U.S. Senator Thomas Carper recently introduced legislation for creation of the First State National Historical Park. This is a significant item for the State of Delaware and the City of New Castle.

It was previously reported in the *New Castle Crier* that many City residents had been lobbying for the headquarters of the Park to be located within the City. The State had also been involved, as one possibility is that the Federal government could enter into an agreement with the State to use the historic Sheriff's house as the base of operations for the Park rangers, Park Headquarters and Visitor's Center.

The proposed configuration of the Park is somewhat unique, using a "hub and spokes" concept, with New Castle designated as the hub, and various

other historic sites around the State serving as the spokes.

*"The headquarters for the Park shall be in the City of New Castle, Delaware."*

The legislation introduced by Senator Carper is specific, stating, "The headquarters for the Park shall be in the City of New Castle, Delaware." A wide variety of research has been conducted on the economic impact of National Parks. Of course, those impacts vary from place to place, and there is no way to specifically predict how this will impact New Castle, other than a relative certainty that more tourists will be drawn to the area, with the expected

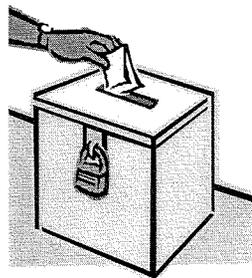
influx of tourism dollars spent within the City at the various merchants, including retailers, restaurants and museums.

Senator Carper's legislation includes a proposal for a total of \$5.5 million in funding for the new Park. That is broken down as \$3 million for grants to the State, political subdivisions of the State, and nonprofit organizations for the rehabilitation of existing structures to serve as administrative and visitor services facilities for the Park.

The other \$2.5 million would be for grants to the State, political subdivisions of the State, private property owners, and nonprofit organizations for two purposes: (1) the historic preservation and restoration of resources within the boundary of the Park; and (2) the costs of design, construction, installation, and maintenance of any exhibits relating to the Park.

## Suggestion boxes at City buildings

Comment cards and suggestions boxes are now available at the three main City buildings. Those are downtown on Delaware Street and the Public Safety and Trolley Barn buildings on Route 9.



The next regular  
**City Council**  
meeting is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., Nov. 10 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 compliance with rules and codes. To report problems or file a complaint, call Code Enforcement Officer John Lloyd at 221-6507. Complaint forms are available on the City Web site at: [www.NewCastleCity.org](http://www.NewCastleCity.org).

## From the New Castle City Code...

- 94-1 - In the event that any dog, cat or other domestic animal deposits its excrement upon any public or private land within the City of New Castle, such owner of said dog, cat, or other domestic animal shall remove immediately, in a sanitary manner in an airtight bag or other closed or sealed container, any fecal matter deposited by said dog, cat or other domestic animal.
- 94-4 - Feeding of wildlife in any public park or any property owned or operated by the City of New Castle is prohibited.
- 156-3 - **No person shall engage in any business within the City until a license is obtained.**
- 172-2 - Vehicles are not allowed to be parked or stored in front yard areas.
- Peddling & Soliciting - It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in business as a peddler, hawker, vendor, canvasser or seeking information or donations without first having registered in the Office of the City Clerk.
- 226-1 - Abandoned Vehicle - any vehicle which is either:
  - A. inoperable
  - B. dismantled
  - C. wrecked
  - D. displaying expired registration plates
  - E. missing major components
  - F. inoperable in the manner for which it is designed.
  - G. situated on private property or has been placed upon any state or public highway or roadway within the corporate limits of the City of New Castle for a period in excess of 24 hours without being removed. Vehicles otherwise meeting this definition of an abandoned vehicle and which are stored in a garage or fully enclosed structure shall not be considered an abandoned vehicle.
- 230-42 - No building, alteration or additions without first obtaining a Building Permit.

## Oldies Dance Party

### Community Event to Benefit the New Castle Senior Center

Saturday, November 14 from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

River Room at the Senior Center (400 South Street)

Featuring sounds from the 60s and 70s, including Motown, Rock-n-Roll & Oldies, performed by local band "Worth the Wait"

Admission is \$15 per person

(a limited number of tickets will be available at the door)

Non-alcoholic beverages provided  
along with a cash bar with beer and wine

Bring your own food

To make a reservation, call Natalie at 326-4209 or e-mail at [NKaplan@newcastleseniorcenter.com](mailto:NKaplan@newcastleseniorcenter.com)

## City's Western Gateway project receives Community Greening Award

The City recently received word that the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society (PHS) selected the New Castle Western Gateway Project to receive the



2009 PHS Community Greening Award. The City's highway beautification project was selected for the award among 80 entries.

The planning and planting of the City's Western Gateway project spanned a few years. The project can be seen along the City's western entrance, driving along Route 273, beginning at its intersection of Route 141. The planting areas continue into the City on both sides of the route, winding along the roadway past the three schools and ends just before the River Plaza.

Numerous citizens, elected officials and contractors were involved in the creation and installation of the project. The majority of project funding was provided through the Delaware Department of Transportation with funds from the Federal Transportation Enhancement Act grant program. The design of the project was paid for with funds from the City budget and other State grant funds.

Congratulations to all those involved in the creation and development of the Award-Winning City of New Castle Western Gateway Project!