



# New Castle Crier

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## City commits to solid waste changes

After receiving citizen input and analyzing how various options would impact the City budget, City Council members have instructed staff members to move forward with changes in solid waste collection. Beginning July 1, the City will change to collecting trash once per week and recycling once per week. Changes are also being considered for the City Code, so the net limits for trash collection each week will remain the same.

The current City Code limits each household to putting out two 30-gallon containers (each with a 50 pound limit) twice per week. With collection performed once per week, the proposal is to double the limit for each collection, so New Castle homeowners will still

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## Spring hydrant flushing coming

The Municipal Services Commission (MSC) Water Department will begin the Spring Fire Hydrant Flushing program on Monday, April 12. Flushing will begin at 7:30 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. on Monday through Friday, taking about 10 business days to complete.

The Hydrant Flushing Program is important to the water system and is an integral part of the MSC's goal to deliver the safest and highest quality water possible. An added benefit is that flushing improves fire protection by testing the operation of hydrants.

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The next  
regular  
**City Council**  
meeting is 7 p.m.,  
Tues., April 13 at  
Town Hall

## New Castle Events

**BINGO** presented by the  
Good Will Fire Company Ladies' Auxiliary

1/2 Longaberger Baskets & 1/2 Vera Bradley

**April 9 & May 14 at 4th & South Streets**

Doors Open at 6 p.m. and Games Begin at 7

**\$20 for 20 games**

Extra game cards for sale as well as  
refreshments, 50/50's and chance items

**Must be 16 to Play BINGO**

For information contact Colleen at 995-1137

**Second Annual**

**New Castle City-Wide Yard Sale**

Sat., April 24, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the Green

Sponsored by the Historic New Castle Alliance

E-mail: [HistoricNewCastleAlliance@yahoo.com](mailto:HistoricNewCastleAlliance@yahoo.com)

## **Oldies Dance Party**

to Benefit the New Castle Senior Center  
Saturday, April 24 from 7 to 10:30 p.m.

River Room at the Senior Center  
400 South Street

Featuring sounds from the 60s and 70s,  
performed by Mario Rocco's band

\$15 per person admission

(limited number of tickets at the door)

Cash bar with beer, wine and soda

Bring your own food

Reservations call: Natalie at 326-4209 or  
e-mail [NKaplan@newcastleseniorcenter.com](mailto:NKaplan@newcastleseniorcenter.com)

## **Arasapha Garden Club May Market**

Apr. 30, 9 a.m.-7 p.m., May 1, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Market Square (behind Town Hall)

Plants, Shrubs, Containers, Herbs

Indoors White Elephant, Used Books & Jewelry

Master Gardeners Giving Free Advice

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## Trash and recycling changes

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have a four container limit each week included in their taxes for trash pickup.

Residents are also reminded that the City Code prohibits importing trash. This means that the trash put out at each property should be from that property only, and not any trash from friends, relatives, businesses or contractors.

City residents are strongly encouraged to recycle, and are reminded that the following items may be placed in the recycle cart for pickup:

- Newspapers/Brown Paper Bags
- Magazines/Catalogs
- Telephone/Soft Cover Books
- Junk Mail/Envelopes (all types)
- Paper/Shredding
- Paperboard (cereal/tissue boxes)

- Cardboard (large pieces may be flattened and placed outside cart for collection)
- Narrow-Neck Plastic Bottles – **No Lids** (milk jugs, bleach/detergent, shampoo)
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Glass Bottles/Jars (any color)
- Metal Cans (tin/steel/aluminum)

Anyone without a recycle cart who needs one should call 322-9801. Residents ordering carts after July 1 of this year will be charged a fee.

While the City does not plan to mandate recycling, draft legislation from Governor Markell requires each household to be issued a recycle cart by the deadline of September, 2011.

The City continues to pickup yard waste every Wednesday. This service was recently increased to be provided throughout the year, when it was previously seasonal.

See the schedule below for special trash fees.

### DSWA HHW Drop-Off

The Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) will be holding a Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Drop-Off event, as follows:

**Saturday, April 3**  
**8 a.m. to 4 p.m.**  
**Pine Tree Corners**  
**Transfer Station**  
**276 Pine Tree Rd.**  
**Townsend**

For more information, call 1-800-404-7080, or visit the DSWA Web site at [www.DSWA.com](http://www.DSWA.com).

Note that the DSWA can no longer collect medication at the HHW drop-off events.

Special trash pickup fees	
Refrigerator	\$40
Dishwasher	\$35
Stoves	\$35
Washer	\$35
Dryer	\$35
Air Conditioner	\$30
Hot Water Heater	\$30
Sofa	\$25
Upholstered Chair	\$20
Mattress/ Bed Spring Single	\$20
Mattress/Bed Spring King/Queen	\$22
Rugs/Carpets Per Room	\$20
Television Set With Cabinet	\$20
Dresser	\$15
Barbecue Grill	\$10
Sleeper Sofa	\$35

### Hydrant flushing

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The MSC schedules the flushing program during the early spring and late fall when demands are lower, using a carefully planned route to control the direction of flow in the 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.

Your understanding and cooperation is appreciated. If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact the MSC Water Department at 323-2333 between 7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

### Apply now for property tax exemptions

Apply now for the Over 65 or Disability property tax exemption. For an appointment, at the convenience of the taxpayer, call Marian Delaney at 322-9811. The maximum yearly income requirements are \$15,000 for a single person and \$30,000 for a married couple. Social Security income is not counted. The last day to apply is June 15th.

**City Offices Closed with  
 No Trash Pickup on Friday, April 2**