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City Police launch new notification system

In an effort to provide New Castle citizens with important notifications and critical information in a timely manner, the New Castle City Police have enlisted a free service called "NIXLE". The NIXLE system allows police to send notifications via e-mail, text message or over the Internet at no cost to the City or the resident.



This system is being used by more than 3,000 law

enforcement agencies in the United States, and has proven to be a great community relations tool. It enables police to send out alerts, advisories, public safety tips and general community information.

Residents residing within the corporate limits of the City of New Castle may sign up for the free program by contacting the New Castle City Police at 322-9800. Those who

sign up will be asked to provide their names, addresses, telephone numbers and/or e-mail addresses, and select which method through which notifications shall be received.

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

Tradition continues with Historic New Castle Day, Saturday, May 15

Continuing an 85 year-old tradition of being the oldest house and garden tour in the country, Historic New Castle Day will include children's colonial games, complimentary walking tours and historic re-enactors. New Castle's many museums will also be open free of charge.

A number of the historic private homes and beautiful gardens will open for the ticketed event starting at 10 a.m.

New this year will be a closing event featuring live entertainment in front of the New Castle Court House from 5 to 7

p.m. featuring East Coast Pan Collective (steel drums), Cab Calloway Students (jazz chorus), Juggling Hoffmans (juggling and balloon art) and About Faces Entertainment (caricature artist). Retail shops will be open until 7 and restaurants and retail merchants will offer a 10% discount with the wristband ticket for the "Day" event.

For the last 85 years, Immanuel Episcopal Church has

hosted this event. This year, the Historic New Castle Alliance and the New Castle Visitor's Bureau are working together to continue the tradition while the church is taking a much deserved break.

For tickets, please call 800-618-7830. Ticket prices:

- \$10 for adults;
- \$5 for children (7 to 12);
- Free for children 6 & under;
- \$25 Family Ticket for 2 adults & 2 or more children.

City Offices Closed with No Trash Pickup on Monday, May 31 See City Calendar for Revised Pickup Schedule

New Castle - The First Capital City!

Police awards recognize members of the force and Volunteers

On February 12 the New Castle City Police held its annual awards ceremony. Aside from the entire New Castle Police and Police Volunteers, also in attendance were Mayor John Klingmeyer, Council President William Barthel and Council members John Gaworski Jr., Ted Megginson and Teel Petty.

Every year the New Castle Police commends its officers who have performed above and beyond the scope of their duties and who have handled and

solved significant cases and achieved high levels of productivity over the year.

"Officer of the Year 2010" was awarded to Pfc. Robert "Elliott" Singleton, who, among his many other accomplishments over the year, dove into a burning residence and pulled an elderly woman to safety in January 2009. The "Chief's Award" was issued for the first time to M/Cpl. Detective Edward A. Dempsey, who has been of great assistance to the Chief in various projects and

assignments throughout the year.

M/Cpl. Thomas Donlon and Pfc. Thomas Fuller were awarded the "Meritorious" service commendation for their involvement and handling of an incident where they were both shot at, that culminated in the arrest of an armed and dangerous felon. Pfc. Thomas Fuller was also awarded the "Exceptional Duty" commendation for the arrest of a drug dealer that resulted in the seizure of over 200 grams of marijuana and a seizure of cash.

Patrolman Richard Perillo was also awarded the "Exceptional Duty" commendation for his successful handling and investigation into a large scale credit card fraud involving multiple suspects and numerous Home Depot stores in Delaware and Pennsylvania.

Many other "Letters of Commendations" were issued to other officers, as well as the 2010 "Firearms Award", which was a three way tie between Officers John Donmoyer, John Pullin and Cpl. Louis Torres for achieving a perfect qualification score of 100% during each of the three qualification shoots. In addition, the New Castle Police Volunteers (Citizen Patrol) were acknowledged for their continued service to the department and citizens of New Castle.

"The New Castle Police are very fortunate to have a fine group of officers, administrative personnel and Volunteer force who faithfully and effectively serve the citizens of New Castle with a great degree of pride," said Lt. Adam Brams. Congratulations to all and keep up the great work!

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.

Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps maintain and improve the quality of the City of New Castle by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes. This includes 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 need to be provided with the complaint.

This month's Code reminders...

- Property owners are responsible for the maintenance and repair of sidewalks and driveways.
- Grass must be maintained on a regular basis.
- Trash and garbage left at curb for pick up must be stored in containers with lids at all times. Permissible times for placement must be observed.
- No debris, junk, indoor furniture, appliances, etc. are to be stored on exterior properties.
- Vehicles which are unregistered, wrecked, inoperable or missing any major components cannot be stored anywhere in the City except in a fully enclosed building.
- Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their animals. This must be done immediately.