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City-wide mailing details trash collection changes

The City recently mailed to residents detailed information on changes for trash and recycling collection.

Beginning July 12:

- If you have had Monday trash pickup, that will stay the same.
- If you have had Tuesday trash pickup, that will stay the same.

- Wednesday yard waste pickup will stay the same for everyone.
- If you have had Thursday trash pickup, that will change to recycling pickup only.

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

Clip and Save!

All these items can go in your recycling cart!

- Newspapers/ Brown Paper Bags
- Magazines/Catalogs
- Telephone/Soft Cover Books
- Junk Mail/Envelopes
- Paper (shredding)
- Cardboard
- Paperboard (cereal/tissue boxes)
- Narrow-Neck Plastic Bottles (milk jugs, bleach, detergent, shampoo bottles – but no lids)
- Plastic Grocery Bags
- Glass Bottles/Jars (any color)

The City Council approved the 2010-11 City Budget on June 22 with no tax increase. The tax rate is \$1.20 per 100 of assessed value. Look for a detailed article in next month's edition of the *New Castle Crier* newsletter.

City property tax bills are mailed mid-July.

For property owners whose taxes are in escrow, tax bills are mailed directly to mortgage companies.

For any questions, call Marian C. Delaney at 322-9811, or e-mail: mdelaney113@newcastlecity.org

Showtime at Battery Park in Historic New Castle

49th Season Musical Magic by the Riverside
Wednesdays 7 p.m. 'til dusk

<u>July 7</u> First State Symphonic Band Marches, patriotic songs and show tunes!	<u>July 14</u> Swing City The band that brings... swing's the thing!
<u>July 21</u> Deb Shane Makin' Whoopie!	<u>July 28</u> The Serenaders – Walt Wagner Swing and dance with the sentimental touch!

Co-Funded by the Trustees of the New Castle Common and the Mayor & Council of New Castle

Presented by New Castle Hundred Lions Club

New Castle – The First Capital City!

Did you know?...

● For the current year, the City will dispose of about 2,500 tons of trash.

● For the most part, this number has been steadily decreasing since 2002, when the

City-wide annual volume was almost 3,500 tons of trash.

● Since the City started curbside recycling, trash volume has decreased about 20 percent.

● For a number of years, and until very recently, the City had been paying \$48 per ton tipping

fee to the Delaware Solid Waste Authority (DSWA) to dispose of City trash at the landfill.

● The new DSWA rate, effective July 1, is \$72 per ton.

● The City has a six-year agreement with the DSWA to dispose of City-collected recyclable materials with *no tipping fee charge*.

Trash changes *continued from front page*

If you have had Friday trash pickup, that will change to recycling pickup *only*.

Beginning Thursday, July 15, New Castle City forces will take over recycling pickup on either Thursday or Friday, every week.

The first week of July is the final week of twice-a-week trash pickup, and the early week schedule is revised, due to the Independence Day holiday.

Revised trash pickup schedule:

No trash pickup on Monday, July 5

Regular Pickup

Monday, July 5

Tuesday, July 6

Revised Pickup

Tuesday, July 6

Wednesday, July 7



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 highlights and general reminders...

Swimming Pools

All pools capable of holding more than two feet of water (including above-ground pools) require a building permit. All pools must meet strict requirements including fencing, self-latching gate and, if applicable, electrical standards.

Swimming pools must be maintained in a safe, clean and sanitary condition.

Vacant Homes

Any home which is vacant must be maintained as if it were occupied. The grass and shrubs must be trimmed, the exterior in good repair and doors and windows secured.

Vehicles

Motor vehicles and trailers on residential properties must be operable and have up-to-date registrations.

New Castle City residents can help save tax dollars by recycling as much as possible!

Be parking considerate!

Some areas of the City can pose challenges for parking from time to time. The majority of streets are public and open to parking for anyone. Also, many homes do not have off-street parking and those property owners must find places to park on the public streets. For property owners with off-street parking available, it is helpful if that is used on a consistent basis, so as not to take up spaces for properties without this amenity.

No property owns any space on the public streets. It is unlawful to place items in parking spaces in the street in order to "save" a parking space (i.e., cones, trash cans, lawn chairs, etc.)

Please be considerate when parking on the public streets. Your neighbors and others visiting our great City will appreciate it!