



New Castle Crier

The official newsletter of New Castle City

Vol. 5, Iss. 8

New Castle, Delaware

September 2011

City, DNREC team up to tackle dike issues

At their last meeting, City Council members listened to a report from Bonnie Arvay from DNREC, outlining a process for work to be done on rehabilitating dikes in New Castle and outside the City. DNREC has listed the dikes in priority order for work to be done:

- Red Lion Dike (south of City);
- Buttonwood Dike (in City);
- Broad Dike (in City);
- Gambacorta Dike (in City);
- Army Creek Dike (some in City).

The State has approved \$3 million to be used for this work. The two main causes of problems on the existing dikes are vegetation (specifically tree roots in the dikes) and animal burrows. Each of these conditions threatens the stability of the dikes and diminishes

the ability of the dike structures to fulfill their main purpose of protecting

A significant part of the dike rehabilitation work will involve tree removal.

life and property from flooding from the Delaware River.

A significant part of the dike rehabilitation work will involve tree

removal. Once the work is completed, the City has committed to coordinate efforts to ensure proper maintenance of the dikes.

Currently, DNREC is working cooperatively with the Conservation District to distribute a Request For Proposals (RFP) to engineering firms for development of plans to rehabilitate all five dikes.

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

CITY OFFICES CLOSED

With No Trash Pickup Monday, September 5

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule

Orig. Pickup	Rev. Pickup
Mon., 9/5	Tues., 9/6
Tues., 9/6	Wed., 9/7

Are you Registered to Vote in Trustee Elections?

There will be an election to fill a vacancy on the Trustees of the New Castle Common on *Saturday, September 17 at the Good Will Fire Company (corner 4th & South Streets), 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.*

According to the Charter, the Trust must maintain its own list of qualified voters, separate from the voter rolls administered by the State.

To vote in a Trustee election, you must:

- Be registered on the Trustees' Voter List;
- Be a resident of the City of New Castle for at least one year prior to the date of the election;
- Be 18 years old on or before the date of the election;
- Be a citizen of Delaware.

If you are already registered on the Trustee list, you do not need to register again.

Open

Registration Dates

Register in person at 201 Delaware Street

- Thursday, September 8 from 5 to 9 p.m.
- Saturday, September 10 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please bring proof of ID.

Please call 322-2809, or e-mail:

trusteesncc@comcast.net for more information.



Mark Your Calendar to Vote in the Trustee Election Sat., Sept. 17, Good Will Fire Co., 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

New Castle – The First Capital City!

The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!

Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps maintain and improve the quality of life of City residents 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.

To reach the Code Enforcement Officer, call 323-6081. 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 is requested, however, a name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

This month's reminders...

- Rental housing owners are required to apply for a "Rental Housing Business License" by January 1st each year. Daily fines and monthly fees are assessed for non compliance.
- Please keep sidewalks and curbs free and clear of weeds and grass.
- Maintain swimming pools in a clean, safe and sanitary condition (whether in use or not).
- Trash, recycle and yard waste containers should be stored at the rear of the property.

Introducing Internet EssentialsSM

Fast, affordable home Internet service.

If your child receives free school lunches, you may qualify.

While participating in Internet Essentials, customers receive:

- Affordable Internet, just \$9.95 per month, with no price increases, activation fees or equipment rental fees.
- A low-cost computer, available at initial enrollment for \$149.99.
- Free Internet training, available online, in print and in person.

Call 1-855-8-INTERNET to see if you are eligible

(1-855-846-8376) or visit InternetEssentials.com

Restrictions apply. Not available in all areas. Limited to XFINITY® Internet Economy service for new residential customers meeting certain eligibility criteria. Advertised price applies to a single outlet. Actual speeds vary and are not guaranteed. After initial participation, if a customer is determined to be no longer eligible for the program but continues to receive Comcast service, regular rates will apply. Subject to Internet Essentials program terms and conditions. Internet Essentials is a program to provide home Internet service for families. It is not a school program, and is not endorsed or required by your school. Your school is not responsible for Internet Essentials accounts. Call 1-855-846-8376 for restrictions and complete details, or visit InternetEssentials.com. ©2011 Comcast. All rights reserved.

- Animal waste must be cleaned up immediately by the responsible party.

Please note that Building Permits are required for all projects, except painting and landscape work, with a cost exceeding \$250. Any work, however, inside the Historic District requires a Building Permit, regardless of the cost. All contractors need City Business Licenses, available at the Building Department located at 900 Wilmington Road.

Recycle carts coming soon

Delaware State law requires that the City deliver a recycle cart to each single-family home, no later than September 15.

Even if your household has not ordered a cart, the City must provide one and collect recyclables in the cart if the household opts to use the cart for disposal of recyclable items and places the cart curbside for collection.

Call 322-9813 for more information.

September Events

Saturday, September 3 ❖ New Castle Restaurants
➔ **Art & Food Stroll** ☺
3 to 6 p.m. in Downtown Historic New Castle
Featuring Singer Carol Reagan and Offerings
of Free Samples, Discounts and Live Music
www.HistoricNewCastle.org ❖ 1-888-613-6665

Thursday, September 15 ❖ Arasapha Garden Club
Double Dutch Event
➔ **Annual Wine & Cheese Reception** ☺
5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Dutch House Garden
Featuring Master Gardener Anne Berry
and Humanities Scholar Peter G. Rose
➔ **From Garden To Table Lecture by Mr. Rose** ☺
7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the New Castle Court House
\$5 members, \$10 non-members ❖ RSVP by Sept. 8
Pat Bird, 322-7895, birdpmd@aol.com
Kathy Tidball, 328-2532, kmtidball@msn.com

Friday, September 16 ❖ Historic New Castle Alliance
➔ **Cocktails in the Garden of Good and Evil** ☺
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the VanDyke House
Business Member \$40; Individual Member \$30
Membership Included in Ticket Price
Purchase Tickets at the New Castle
Court House Museum (tickets are limited)
www.HistoricNewCastle.org v 1-888-613-6665; 323-4453

Saturday, September 17 ❖ New Castle Historical Society
➔ **A Child's Day in the 1860s** ☺
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the New Castle Green
A family-fun day focusing on a child's
life during the decade of the Civil War.
Children's games and other activities. All Free!
Call 322-2794 or visit NewCastleHistory.org

Sat., September 24 ❖ New Castle Hundred Lions Club
➔ **Art on the Green Arts & Craft Show** ☺
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Battery Park
Call 302-328-LIONS (Rain Date Oct. 1)