



City News and Notes CITY COUNCIL FINALIZES BUDGET WITH NO TAX INCREASE

At a special City Council meeting on June 26, Council members finalized the FY 14 City budget with no tax increase. The tax rate will remain at \$1.20 per \$100 of assessed value. Tax bills will be mailed out in mid-July. Additional information will be provided in the next City newsletter.

The next
regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., July 9th at
Town Hall

Summer Concerts in Battery Park will Continue through August 21

July 10 - 7:00 p.m. *Chesapeake (Silver Coronet) Brass Band*; Concert and Popular Tunes.

July 17 - 7:00 p.m. *The Sin City Band*; Texas Swing, Country, Soft Rock and surprises.

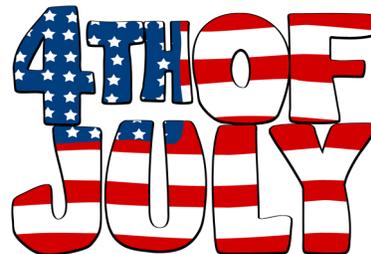
July 24 - 7:00 p.m. *Alfie Moss/Dexter Koonce Project*; Making Jazz Music since 1978.

July 31 - 7:00 p.m. *The Newark Community Band*; Traditional Concert Band

August 7 - 6:30 p.m. *The Eddie Sherman Show*; '30's Through '60's: Jazz Standards

August 14 - 6:30 p.m. *Richard Ray Farrell*; Classic Blues, with Michael Keriting on drums, and local favorite Jimmy Pritchard on bass.

August 21 - 6:30 p.m. *Mikey Jr. & Stone Cold Blues*; Driving Harmonica and Vocal Blues



CITY OFFICES CLOSED

With *NO Recycle Pickup*
Independence Day Holiday
Thursday, July 4th

There will be a Citywide
Recycle Pickup
Friday, July 5th.

The New Castle Public Library is a *very* busy place this summer

The New Castle Public Library has summer reading programs, and activities planned for all ages.

Summer Reading Club is here.

Children ages 1-11 can register for "Dig Into Reading!"

Teens ages 12-17 can register for "Beneath the Surface!"

Adults 18+ register for "Groundbreaking Reads!"

- Mondays at 10 a.m. sharpen your job skills at the Job Center
- Tuesday, July 2nd, Afternoon movie, Roman Holiday *

- Tuesday, July 9th Lunch & Learn*, Teen Crafts*, & Master Gardener program*
 - Wednesday, July 10th Dig into Dinosaurs! 3 p.m.
 - Wednesday, July 17: Simple Gifts; 2 Women 12 Instruments. 3 p.m.
 - Saturday, July 20th Teens: Anime Illustration Workshop*. 3 p.m.
- (*registration required)

Find out about *all* the libraries many programs and activities on the Library's website www2.nccde.org/libraries/NewCastle/default.aspx

Stop by for more information:
424 Delaware Street
New Castle DE 19720
(302) 328-1995

Library Hours
Mon., Tues. 10 - 9
Wed., Thurs. 2 - 9
Fri., Sat., 10 - 5

New Castle – The First Capital City!

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

In response to an Artesian Water Company well south of New Castle that was shut down due to high levels of the unregulated contaminant 1, 4 Dioxane, the Municipal Services Commission (MSC), the City of New Castle's water and electric provider, proactively chose to test our three wells for this same compound. Upon receipt of the lab reports in June, they were sent to the State of Delaware Office of Drinking Water for review. The MSC has been advised by the State that although trace levels of the contaminant were detected in two of our three wells, no action is required at this time because the amounts were just at the detection limit. Additional information about this unregulated contaminant and our testing will appear in the MSC's next quarterly Newsletter. If there are any questions or concerns regarding water quality in the City of New Castle we welcome your calls at 302-323-2330.

Code Enforcement helps to maintain and improve the quality of life of New Castle City residents by administering an unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of City zoning, property maintenance and building codes;

Complaint forms are available at the City Offices or on the City Web site at newcastlecity.delaware.gov. Complaints are handled on a confidential basis; however, if feedback and/or updates are requested, name, address and phone number need to be provided with the complaint.

Common property issues:

- Standing dead trees
- Cars parked on lawn
- Indoor furniture belongs indoors
- Water laying in old tires breed mosquitoes
- Lawn and shrub maintenance

Please note that Building Permits are required for all projects except painting and landscape work. Your contractor needs to acquire a City Business License. This can be obtained at the Building Department located at 900 Wilmington Road.

Volunteer on a Committee or Commission and help your City

The City of New Castle invites its residents to be active and join its working committees.

Do you have expertise to share and want to be part of your local government? Our City's Boards, Committees and Commissions need volunteers to attend meetings and make recommendations to the City Council.

Read over the list below and indicate which groups you would be interested in joining.

___ **New Castle Flower Beautification Committee** (*Meets third Wednesday except January, July, August & December*)
Planting flowers throughout the City and overseeing the care of plantings

___ **Board of Building Appeals**
(*Meets as needed*)

Governed by Chapters 140 and 141 of the City Code

___ **Parking Study Sub-Committee** (*Meets as needed.*)
Reviewing the current parking conditions in the City, will identify any issues, and suggest solutions.

___ **City Election Committee**
(*Meets during City election year*)

Responsible for carrying out laws, regulations and rules for City Elections.

___ **Separation Day Committee**
(*Meets before Separation Day Yearly*)

Responsible for planning and carrying out Separation Day Activities

___ **Board of Health**

(*Meets four times a year, the last Tuesday of January, April, July and October, at 6 p.m.*)

Discuss Board of Health Issues.

___ **Historic Area Commission**

(*Meets third Thursday at 5 p.m.*)

Oversees the building and/or exterior restoration of buildings located within the Historical District of the City

___ **Planning Commission**

(*Meets fourth Monday at 6:30 p.m.*)

Creates and Updates Comprehensive Plan and reviews development proposals

___ **Tree Commission**

(*Meets first Monday at 5:30 p.m., except August*)

Responsible for planting and maintenance of trees on City property

Check off your interests and mail or drop off to the City office, 220 Delaware Street, New Castle, DE 19720. Call 322-9801 or email mdelaney113@newcastlecity.org with your response or any questions.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone No: _____

Email: _____