The City of New Castle, the Separation Day Committee and State of Delaware are joined by the New Castle Jaycees this year in the planning of the Separation Day festivities. There will be new additions, as well as all of your past favorites. We are honored to have former State Senator Dori Connor as our Grand Marshal for the Parade this year.

There are two exciting new events this year; on June 1st, the Jaycees are hosting a Beauty Pageant, to crown Miss Separation Day 2013. The Jaycees are also sponsoring the Separation Day 5K at 8:30 a.m. Separation Day morning. For more information on these events go to www.sepdayde.com.

The Parade will begin at 11:00 a.m. and end at the Courthouse Museum. The Arts & Craft show will be in Battery Park from 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. The Park will be full of activity and great food with Amusement rides, the Jaycees Kid’s Corner, and Greenbank Mills; they will be on hand with live sheep and wool spinning demonstrations. Family Oriented Pro Wrestling will be back as well as the always popular Beautiful Baby Contest (make sure to register with the Jaycees by the 2pm deadline.)

The evening will end with the fun for all ages Dance Party with American Pie Entertainment, and a concert featuring “Lights Out” with an amazing tribute to Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, taking us into the evening’s grand finale of our spectacular fireworks display at 9:30 p.m. For more information on any of the day’s events, go to www.sepdayde.com.

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Apply before June deadline for exemptions

Applications are now being accepted for the Over 65 or the disability property tax exemption. To make an appointment, at the convenience of the Taxpayer, call Marian C. 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 toward the minimum. The last day to apply is June 17th.

May Events

Friday, May 3, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. & Sat., May 4, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. May Market. Shop for Plants, White Elephant items, used books and crafts, while outside tent sales include unusual plants, shrubs, herbs, baked goods, original prints and more! Proceeds support the Arasapha Garden Club’s work in the historic gardens of the Amstel House & Dutch House. For more information visit www.arasapha.org.

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The next regular City Council meeting is 7 p.m., Tues., May 14 at Town Hall

Saturday, May 18, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A Day in Old New Castle. America’s oldest house and garden tour returns this year. A Day in Old New Castle offers an opportunity to stroll through gardens in full bloom and peek inside some lovely homes. The Amstel House, Dutch House and Old Library Museums will be open free to ticket holders from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

See what A Day in Old New Castle has in store in 2013.

Stroll through carefully tended gardens; Tour exquisite private homes dating from the 18th century; Visit historic public buildings including the Amstel House, the Dutch house, and the Read house; Visit the newly renovated Historic Penn Farm via our shuttle from the First Baptist Church; Take a shuttle from the town square to the historic Buttonwood School; Enjoy period music and dance. Watch children in costume, playing throughout the day.

Presented by: Immanuel Episcopal Church on the Green

For more information please call our toll-free number: 1-877-496-9498 or go to dionc.immanuelepiscopal.com.

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New Castle — First Capital of the First State!

The most picturesque and historic waterfront community on the East Coast!
Save the Date!
New Castle Neighborhood Plan Meeting
Wednesday, June 5th
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Over the past few years, the City of New Castle has received requests that future planning projects focus on the needs of the City's individual neighborhoods. In response, the Planning Commission is beginning work on a neighborhood-focused update to the City's Comprehensive Plan.

The Commission has prepared maps and a draft list of issues and opportunities for each neighborhood in the City. Please join the Planning Commission on Wednesday, June 5th to review work completed to date and to tell us more about the history and needs of your neighborhood.

A more complete description of the project and meeting location will appear in next month's Crier and be posted on the City’s website and in a flyer at Town Hall. For more information, please contact Marian Hull, City Planner, at 215.940.9270 or marian.hull@urs.com. We hope to see you there!

**Join the Friends for only $10/person; $15/family.**

Separation Day
Used Book Sale
Saturday June 8, 2013
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
in front of the New Castle Public Library
Preview Sale and Wine & Cheese Party:
New Castle Library Friends Members only
Friday June 7, 2013 6-8 p.m.**

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Cleaning out your bookshelf?

Book, CD and DVD donations in GOOD condition are always welcome, especially books on art, cooking, recent fiction and non-fiction.

No VHS videos, cassette tapes, magazines, or textbooks, please. Please put your donations in a shopping bag or box and drop them off at the Library on any Friday or Saturday.

Please join us on May 30th for the 30th annual Old New Castle Run!
This race has changed from a 5 miler to a 5k.

Proceeds from the race benefit the Elizabeth A. Loncki Scholarship Fund, which helps families send their children to St. Peter’s School. Elizabeth is a hometown hero from New Castle. In January of 2007, Elizabeth was the first Delaware woman killed in Iraq, just 10 days before she was due to come home. Elizabeth attended St. Peter the Apostle grade school and graduated from Padua Academy.

For details and registration, please go to: www.oldnewcastlerun.com or www.races2run.com

Check-In & Onsite Registration
Starts at 5:00 p.m. at St. Peter School
521 Harmony Street
New Castle, DE 19720

Post event refreshments provided
T-Shirts guaranteed to all pre-registrants

Awards Presentation

Retirements and Farewells
March 20th was the last work day for City Administrator Cathie Thomas. Mikki DiEmidio retired on February 28th and Erv Thatcher retired on April 30th. We thank the employees for their dedicated service to the citizens of New Castle and wish them well.

A total of four (4) 35 Gallon containers (or four (4) plastic bags), not to exceed 50 pounds each is the maximum amount of trash/garbage allowed for one pick-up. Any excess beyond this amount &/or weight will not be picked up unless prior arrangements have been made.

Any trash/garbage not picked up because of excess capacity must be removed from the pick-up area and properly stored for future disposal, or owner/resident must make arrangements with a private contractor to have the excess removed immediately.

If you have excess trash or oversized items, such as furniture or appliances call before your regularly scheduled trash day and request a special trash pick-up*. Call Public Works at 322-9813. Special trash pick-ups occur on regularly scheduled trash days. * Fees will apply.

Code Enforcement Corner

Code Enforcement helps to maintain and improve the quality of life 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 newcastle-city.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.

All garbage must be secured in a rigid container with a self-sealing lid, after being contained in wrapping paper or plastic bags that will not leak.

Improperly containerized refuse or garbage will not be picked up by the City.