City News and Notes

City Council will be holding Budget Workshops in June. See the City Website for meeting dates, times and agendas.

City Public Works crews begin summer hours, working from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
On Monday, May 27th.
Trash, Recycle and Yard Waste Collection will start an hour earlier.

CITY OFFICES CLOSED
With NO Recycle Pickup
Independence Day Holiday
Thursday, July 4th
With Citywide Recycle Pick-up
Friday, July 5th.

Last Chance to apply for 2013 Tax Exemption

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 for this year’s taxes is June 17th.

June Events

Wednesday Evening Concerts in Battery Park
Wednesday, June 12, 7 p.m.
Osher Lifelong Learning Institute U of D Band

Saturday, June 8, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Separation Day Used Book Sale 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.**
**Join the Friends for only $10/person; $15/family.

Thursday, June 13, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Annual Garden Party: Join friends and neighbors at our annual early summer bash in the Dutch House gardens. Light refreshments are included with admission to the party! 1651 Benefactors receive two complimentary tickets to the party. $30 members; $35 non-members. Please call 302-322-2794 to RSVP today!

Battery Park Walking Tours: The Friends of Battery Park will sponsor a series of free, guided, walking tours in and around Battery Park.

Saturday, June 15, at 9:00 a.m. (rain date 6/16.) Explore the park and hear its fascinating history led by Jim Meek. Learn about some of the uses of the land that eventually became a park. The one-mile walk will last approximately one to one and one half hours.

Wednesday, June 26, at 6:00 p.m. (rain date 6/30.) is a bird watching walk led by Dorothy Colburn who writes the "What Birds Are Here?" for the New Castle Weekly. Go to newcastlecity.delaware.gov for more information. All tours are limited to 15 participants. Please email ibiggs@verizon.net or call 302-328-1709 for a reservation. Show-ups are welcome, space allowing.
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. It 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 anytime between 6:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. to review work completed to date and to tell us more about the history and needs of your neighborhood. This meeting is an open house format, so plan to stay for as long – or short – a time as you like!

The draft neighborhood maps and issues summaries are also posted on the City’s website. For more information or to provide comments, please contact Marian Hull, City Planner, at 215.940.9270 or marian.hull@urs.com. We hope to see at the Library on the 5th!

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**Sign up for 2013 Recreation Program**

The City’s Summer Recreation Program begins Monday, July 8th and runs on weekdays through Friday, August 16th (rain or shine.) Hours are usually 8 a.m. to noon, however may run later on days with certain activities.

Registration is open to children ages 5 through 14 who reside within the incorporated City limits. Typical activities include a tour of the Courthouse Museum, bowling, swimming and other trips. Program packets with details will be distributed on the first day of camp.

Registration Fee: $5.00 for each child
The fee does not cover individual trip costs.
Make check payable to: City of New Castle

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**Code Enforcement Corner**

1. Items that are **unacceptable for single stream recycling**.*
   - Anything with food residue, or liquids including pizza boxes.
   - Styrofoam
   - Clear plastic film wrap
   - Waxed paper
   - Plastic shell packing
   - Used paper products, such as paper towels

2. Please eliminate any condition that might hold water and foster mosquito breeding.**

3. Please mow lawns on a frequent and regular schedule.

4. Please clean up all trash, junk, rubbish, debris and refuse from your property.

5. Please clean up after your pets.

6. City noise ordinance (Chapter 166) prohibits activities that generate excess noise, between the hours of 9:00pm and 7:00am (on weekdays), 9:00pm Saturday to 9:00am Sunday and legal holidays. Please refrain from any activity that might disturb your neighbors.

* Single stream recycling is what is done in New Castle. (Items do not need to be separated.) More information can be found at www.dswa.com.

** Mosquitoes can carry and can transmit the West Nile virus and eastern equine encephalitis.

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For walk-in registration, bring a completed form (one for each child) to the City office, 220 Delaware Street, weekdays, beginning June 10th through June 28th. Sign-up is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Or, complete the form below and mail by June 24th to City of New Castle, 220 Delaware Street, New Castle, DE 19720. Call 322-9804 or 322-9811 with any questions.

Name:__________________________________________
Address:________________________________________
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Emergency Contact:_____________________________
Emergency Phone No:___________________________
Payment Amount Enclosed:______________________
Age of Child:_______
T-Shirt Size (circle one) S  M  L  XL