



New Castle welcomes new City Administrator

The City of New Castle welcomes Ronald A. Morris as the new City Administrator. He will begin his duties on August 1.

A life-long resident of Delaware, Ron Morris has over 40 years of financial experience, primarily in the public sector.

As the Chief Financial Officer of New Castle County, Delaware, Mr. Morris was responsible for ensuring the financial growth and well-being of the government and the customers it serves. He managed the County's financial affairs, and was responsible for budgets in excess of \$300 million a year.

As one of the chief architects of the 1997 reorganization of New Castle County government, Ron was recognized for growing the financial reserves to over 100% of the operating budget; achieving for the first time the AAA bond rating from Wall Street's three Rating Agencies; and creating capital financial strategies used by other governments.

He brought about cultural change in the workplace, developing motivation to embrace change as a positive influence, and creating a more responsive government as it relates to the customers it serves.

Mr. Morris served on several government and non-profit boards, committees and participates in several fundraising events annually and established one of the first ACS Corporate Councils. In 2009, ACS established the Ronald A. Morris Leadership Award for volunteers who exhibit exemplary leadership, passion and commitment to the American Cancer Society.

Ron graduated from Salesianum High School and Goldey Beacom College. He received a BS degree in Finance from the University of Baltimore and an MBA degree from Widener University. He is also a graduate of the University of Wisconsin's (Madison Campus) Advanced Government Finance Institute.

You may contact Mr. Morris at the City Administration Building, 220 Delaware Street, by phone at 322-9812, or by email, RMorris@newcastlecity.com.

August Events

Concerts in Battery Park are continuing through August 21st. Food Vendors & Popcorn Every Week

Check newcastlecity.delaware.gov for any updates concerning weather.

- Wednesday, August 7th - 6:30 p.m.

The Eddie Sherman Show; '30's Through '60's: Jazz Standards

- Wednesday, August 14th - 6:30 p.m.

Concert in Battery Park: Richard Ray Farrell, Michael Kerting, Jimmy Pritchard

- Wednesday, August 21st - 6:30 p.m.

Mikey Jr. & Stone Cold Blues; Driving Harmonica and Vocal Blues

- Saturday, August 24th at 8:30 and 11:30 p.m. Paranormal Investigations with Delmarva Historic Haunts! Investigate The Amstel House, The Dutch House and The Old Library! Perhaps you'll meet one of the former residents! All tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from the Society at 302-322-2794. Go to www.newcastlehistory.org for more info.

- Sunday, August 25th 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Annual Antique Show in Battery Park

100+ Dealers in Battery Park on the Delaware River. Sponsored by the New Castle Visitor's Bureau.

Go to www.DFSHOWS.com for more information and a coupon for \$1 off admission.

"Looking Ahead"

City Offices will be closed with NO trash Pick-up Monday, September 2nd for the Labor Day Holiday
Revised Trash Pickup Schedule

<u>Orig. Pickup</u>	<u>Rev. Pickup</u>
Mon. 9/2	Tues. 9/3
Tues. 9/3	Wed. 9/4

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CITY BUDGET NEWS

On June 26, Council approved the FY 14 budget with no tax increase.

The budget total for the fiscal year is \$5,028,150.

The following appropriations are included in the budget:

- \$1,500 for the Beautification Committee to purchase materials to continue its work of volunteers placing plantings in public areas which enhances the appearance of the entire City;
- \$25,000 total for the Tree Commission to continue its work of managing City (public) trees, in accordance with the City Code;
- \$1,000 for the Arasapha Garden Club to decorate during the holiday season;
- \$3,750 for the New Castle Senior Center to provide services to senior citizens;
- \$2,500 for the New Castle Alliance to promote our downtown commercial district;
- \$2,500 for the New Castle Public Library to purchase library materials;
- \$15,000 for Planning Commission services;
- \$1,740 for the Historic Area Commission

City News and Notes

City Property Tax Bills are in the mail

Property owners who pay directly (not through escrow and a mortgage company), who have not yet received a bill, should contact the tax office at 322-9811.

A 2% discount applies to payments received by August 31. The full base amount is due for payments made in September. Beginning in October, all payments are subject to added interest and penalties.

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

Code Enforcement Corner

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.

Please help the City control wildlife problems...

DO NOT feed wild animals.

1. Make sure all garbage is secured in covered plastic or metal trash containers.
2. Do not allow any water accumulation especially over-night.
3. Keep yards clean and mowed and cleared of any debris including: compost, piles of wood, lumber or rocks and junk. Also, clean outdoor grills regularly

4. Eliminate all protective cover. Clear any brush areas or hedge rows.

5. Close up any open areas that provide access under structures, porches or decks that could be used as potential den sites.

6. Clean up any pet food, bird seed, fruits or vegetables that may have accumulated.

7. If there is any evidence of a den, make sure the animals are gone and fill hole with dirt and rocks. Sprinkle flour on the ground to detect tracks.

8. If your yard has a Grub or other subsoil insect problem, these are a feast for skunks.

9. Raccoons and skunks may carry rabies and distemper. Keep pet vaccinations up to date.

If you or your pet is sprayed by a skunk, there is an effective mix to clean the oil:

* 1/4 Cup baking soda;

* 1 Teaspoon dish soap or no-tears pet shampoo

* 1 quart teaspoon 3% hydrogen peroxide

Mix and apply while mixture is bubbling, then rinse. Repeat as needed. Do not try to store in a container. Baking soda-peroxide mix is volatile.

****Be advised, this mixture can bleach fur and hair.***

Mild acid juices such as tomato or lemon are supposed to be effective as well as vinegar.