



Trustees Declare Election for Vacant Seat

The Trustees of the New Castle Common have declared a vacancy on their 13-member board, due to the passing of Richard M. Appleby, Jr. The Board has scheduled an election for Saturday, October 19, 2013.

By Charter the Trust keeps its own voter list, and residents of New Castle must be registered in order to run for or vote in a Trustee election. Voters must be at least 18 years of age on or before the date of the election, and have resided in New Castle for at least one year.

To file as a candidate for the Board, one must be at least 25 years of age on or before the date of the election, a voter registered on the Trustee list, and a resident of New Castle for at least two years. The term of office is twelve years, and the filing fee is \$100 (non-refundable).

Below are some key dates for the upcoming election. Please contact the Trust office at 322-2809 or trus-teesncc@comcast.net with any questions.

Last Day to File as a Candidate: Thurs., Sept. 19, 2013

Regular hours for Registration:

- M-W-Th-F: 12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
201 Delaware Street
- Tuesdays: 2:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Special Open Registration Hours:

- Saturday, October 12, 2013
201 Delaware Street (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)

Last day to Register to Vote:

- **Monday, October 14, 2013**

Last Day to Apply for Absentee Ballot:

- **Mon., Oct. 14, 2013**

Runoff Election if necessary:

- **Sat., December 7, 2013**



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

Revised Trash Pickup Schedule

Orig. Pickup

Rev. Pickup

Mon. 9/2

Tues. 9/3

Tues. 9/3

Wed. 9/4

**The next
Regular
City Council
meeting is 7 p.m.,
Tues., Sept. 10th at
Town Hall**

September Events

Wharf Dance

Saturday, September 7th

7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

See back page for more information.

**Battery Park Walking Tours to
resume in September**

**Paranormal Investigations with Delmarva Historic
Haunts! Saturday, September 21st at 8:30 and 11:30**

p.m. Join the team of Delmarva Historic Haunts for a night investigating three of Old New Castle's most historic and "active" buildings - The Amstel House, The Dutch House and The Old Library!

All tickets are \$25 and can be purchased from the Society at 302-322-2794.

43rd Annual Art on the Green

Saturday, September 28th in Battery Park

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Arts & Crafts Show - Food Vendors

Free Admission/Free Parking/Free Shuttle

Rain Date 10/5/2013

See back page for more information.

Upcoming in October

The First Annual River Towns Ride & Festival

Saturday, Oct. 5th, This one-day event is the First joint festival held between the two historic Delaware waterfront towns of New Castle and Delaware City. This year's event will be held on from noon-5pm.

New Castle – The First Capital City!

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

Do you know the Due Date of your Water/Electric Bill?

Municipal Services Commission customers have often asked, "What is the due date for the water and electric bills". The bill currently reads "BILL DUE UPON PRESENTATION" but that seems to cause confusion.



In an effort to improve communication with our customers, the MSC will be changing the billing date and including a due date on the water and electric bills. The meters will continue to be read on (or around) the 12th of the month, but we will print the bills on the 19th of the month and put a due date of the 1st of the month.

You will see this change with your October bill and we hope that it clarifies things for everyone. If you have questions please be sure to call our office at 302-323-2330.

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 and feral cat colony problems...

DO NOT feed wild animals or Feral Cats.
Stray Cats vs. Feral Cats

What is a "Feral Cat?"

Both stray and feral cats live outdoors, where they can find food and shelter. The difference is that stray cats are usually lost or abandoned house pets - cats who are friendly with humans and can often be re-adopted. In contrast, feral cats are domestic cats that are not socialized to human contact. They live in all kinds of settings, usually in family groups called colonies.

Feral cats are generally quite good at fending for themselves, and are often able to find their own food and shelter. They are quite comfortable outdoors, and have no desire to be a house pet. Because they have not been socialized to human contact, feral cats are not adoptable. They don't belong in shelters!

Instead of animal control, there are other ways to address feral cat populations. The most humane, and proven effective, is to sterilize outdoor cats. Spay/neuter programs exist for both house cats and feral cat populations. Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) is a humane approach for feral cats.

Annual Wharf Dance Saturday, September 7th 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Put on your dancing shoes and come for a night of music, dance, food & friends! The Delaware Street Wharf will be the place to be on Saturday night, September 7th as we welcome the end of summer with our annual Wharf Dance.

Lew The Mailman will keep the music playing. Pack a picnic basket and bring your favorite foods with you! A cash bar will be at the Wharf to offer beer, wine and featured mixed drinks.



Proceeds from the evening will benefit the New Castle Senior Center & the New Castle Historical Society. (You must be 21 years of age or older to attend this event). All tickets are \$20.

To purchase tickets call the Historical Society at 302-322-2794.

New Castle Hundred Lions Club 43rd Annual Art on the Green

in Battery Park
Saturday, September 28th
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Arts & Crafts Show -
Food Vendors**

**Free Admission/Free Parking/
Free Shuttle**



The size of a colony is dependent on the resources available to the cats. For this reason, removing cats from an area or killing them will not eradicate a colony. As long as resources are available, new cats will move in to take their place. **That is why it is vitally important not to feed feral cats;** if they have an unlimited food supply the colony will stay and grow. Feeding these cats will also attract other undesirable wildlife such as raccoons and skunks.

Ways to Humanely discourage Feral Colonies

We realize that not everyone wants a colony of cats in their backyard. Here are a few helpful and safe tips for discouraging ferals from colonizing your yard, courtesy of Alley Cat Allies.



- Citrus peels and coffee grounds are known cat repellents. Scatter these anywhere you don't want cats hanging out or relieving themselves.
- Keep a tight lid on trash containers, this will also keep dogs and other wildlife out of the trash.

This information courtesy of humanesociety.org